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THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Reborn on this Holy Day is the blessed spirit of brotherhood, good will, and the eternal wish for the universal peace of man . . .

Thus, on His Day, we say unto you — when this Spirit of Christmas enters into your home, may it bring to you our eternal wishes for your health and happiness! It is in genuine appreciation of your friendship and patronage that we extend these hearty wishes that every joy be yours for the coming season.

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NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C.—A small island in the Fraser River, huge housing development is planned for nearby North Delta to accommodate workers at the projected industrial development of An-

IF THIS WERE ALL

Christmas holds the key to release from darkness and conflict

By LORD GORELL

Fifteen years ago, when the armaments race of Europe, increasing in intensity, was beginning to cast its shadow ominously over the hopes of mankind, I wrote some poetry starting with the deeply felt invocation

Ah, God, that over this mad world could be
For one sweet hour universally
The spirit of Thy blessing!

This was published at the time and noted—but, obviously, not by the mischief-makers, the inevitable scorners of the spirit of blessing in any form.

A year later I returned to the charge—vainly, of course, but still persistently, as a dreamer will. This time I asked with such passion as lay in my power the question,

If this were all, why struggle?
And I tried to answer it, with all the faith that was in me.
If this were all—but when was ever Night
A monarchy eternal? Man is made
Of stuff imperishable, the heir of
Light.

However long the dawning be delayed.
If we may again ask my first question, again breathe my first invocation, how much more should we ponder on the answer to this second set of questions? Why struggle? Must there be always darkness and suspicion? It is in a right answer to these, and only in that, that the hope of the salvation of the world can lie.

WHERE DICKENS ERRED
There can be no doubt at all now, as we look back over the last century (the most significant in the whole history of Mankind) that Charles Dickens greatly exaggerated, in his sincere but exuberant way, one half of the essential spirit of God's blessing at the expense of the other half—the more important half. He encouraged all to be revelers, to bathe themselves boisterously in the spirit of Christmas, which, as he emphasized, was the spirit of good cheer, of festivals and junketings—the old Saturnalia, in fact, though he never named it as such. It is much more, as Scrooge was brought to realize, but even so, his realization, humanitarian and gratifying as it was, fell far short of the reality.

Christmas, it cannot be too strongly stated, is the birthday of the Prince of Peace, not merely of festivity, and His praise begins with the glorifying of God. It may sound simple enough, and like all great things it is—but, as every true artist has always known, it is the simple which is so difficult; only the very greatest could draw a perfect circle.

CONFLICT IS NOT MAN'S DESTINY
It is in this sense that we need a return to simplicity, and that, perhaps, is the supreme need for the world. "Simple" once meant "saintly." There is, obviously, nothing harder of achievement for any

human being than saintliness, but there are degrees, in this as in everything else. We can at least all try for what all of us know to be the desirable end; and that is true, whether we are agnostics, atheists, or any other brand of intelligence, or the lack of it.

No one really believes that conflict is the perpetual destiny of the human race—not even if he thinks he will certainly come out on top; but there is only one remedy, and it is one that lies to the hand, and he should do unto you.

It was G. K. Chesterton who said in his clever, paradoxical way that Christianity had not failed; it had never been tried. And, of course, he is right: it never has been tried universally, only partially. The result is the bloodshed, cruelty, and chaos that disgrace the pages of the historian in every age and clime.

A MAGICAL CHANGE
"If this were all"—if, that is, this world with its terrible inventions, inhibitions, ambitions, and limitations were all, then indeed, in St. Paul's words, we should be of all men most miserable. But it is not; we know it is not—and at Christmas even the shyest, even the most dubious, even the most cynical, unblushingly proclaim that knowledge.

We give and receive presents: we forgive injuries and forget animosities. For a few days—or it may be for a few hours only—with relations, friends and (above all) children round us, we adopt a spirit of harmony, a sweetness of belief, which, if we could but cling to it and carry it with us into our ordinary lives, would swiftly effect such a transformation of the world as could truthfully be called magical.

It would be the magic of Christ, replacing the craftiness of Man. DESPITE BLUNDER AND CRIMES
I have mentioned children—the word alone has magic always. It was Socrates, wisest of the ancients, who said, "Almost all young persons appear to be beautiful in my eyes," and at Christmas we can, none of us, forget that, while it is the season of Peace, it is also the season of Youth.

It is this season, this spirit, which the world so sorely needs today; not as an artificial, rootless burst of joviality and feasting, but as the foundation of all true and lasting relationships, relationships between man and man, between man and woman, and, even perhaps most of all, between nation and nation, remembering that nations are composed of individuals, and if the individual is right, so is the nation.

"If this were all"—let us not forget, least of all at Christmas, that Man, for all his blunders, all his crimes, is yet a joint-heir with the Prince of Peace, and that, as Browning has written,
A man's reach must exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?

What is the spirit of Christmas?

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK—WHAT IS CHRISTMAS? It is the time when people's hearts ring like bells. And legend says that oxen kneel in their stalls at midnight in memory.

Christmas is the anniversary of one kind of faith. It is the natal date of a lonely Jewish carpenter who in 33 short years of breath stamped on undying conscience on this world and promised all men life everlasting through belief.

He died a radical upon a cross for what He taught, bleeding slowly to death from the agony of nail and spear wounds. Few listened to His message in His day. He died a minor gadfly to a Roman world.

One of many martyrs to many faiths, time has raised Jesus Christ to a gigantic stature, so that today more than 600,000,000 people, one-fourth of all mankind, celebrate His memory. More men follow Him than any man who ever lived. In 1933 years since His birth He has become the greatest religious figure in history.

What Is Christmas?
It is His spirit and His philosophy—that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Today the celebration of His birth, as is His death, is crossed with old pagan ceremonials. But His spirit and His example inflame the day.

Sometimes religious leaders get cross with Santa Claus and say he takes the honors that belong to Jesus. But no one who has read the life of Christ could ever think of Him as being jealous. Santa is just Him with a beard on.

Perhaps, if Santa Claus pressed his view 365 days a year, as Jesus did—he might, even in these enlightened days, risk a similar persecution.

What Is Christmas?
It is the time of letting-go of hidebound prejudices and having the courage to be sentimental and good. It is the time when men take down a cold unfeeling star from the sky and make it a warm and stirring beacon on a tree.

Mainly the grownups say, "Christmas is for the kids." But they themselves enjoy it most, although often they are oddly ashamed to acknowledge it. In December their crust of foolish sophistication—the crust they grow to protect themselves from disappointment—wears thin. They light a silent candle to an old belief, that most men really do wish each other well but don't know quite what to do about it.

What Is Christmas?
It is a season when they can cast away their mutual doubts and really do something for one another.

The Jews, who regard Jesus as only a prophet, have their own festival this time of year. It is called Chanukah, the festival of lights. It lasts eight days. On each day they light another candle, give another gift.

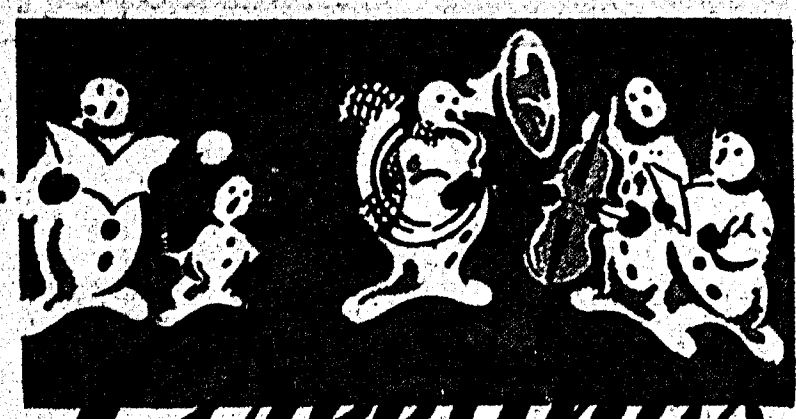
The other day a Jewish friend of mine, whose children go to a public school and love the festival of Christmas, told me the plight of his young daughter.

She came to her father and said:
"Daddy, I was chosen to be an angel in our Christmas play, but I don't have the right to play it?"
And her father, knowing her problem, said:
"Honey, be their angel."

I Think This Is Christmas — And Canada.

HOPPER FORECAST
EDMONTON—The Alberta agricultural department's 1934 grasshopper forecast indicates light infestation in a few districts of south-

ern Alberta, mainly north and east of Lethbridge. The forecast covers about 1,700 square miles where grasshoppers are expected next year.



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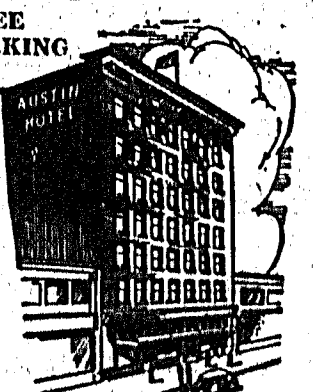


CHRISTMAS CHEER

Age-old, yet ever new, the true spirit of Christmas brings good cheer to every heart, new sparkle to every eye. May you and your loved ones experience, in fullest measure, all the joys of the season, and may its happiness spread its glow throughout the New Year.

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GREETINGS

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John Christmase of Christmase House is ancestor of many people

By CHARLES A. FARMER

Mr. Christmas is a fine old family name. One of the most ancient surnames drawn from the sacred festivals. It flourishes still, and is distributed over many counties.

It has been a notable family name for more than six centuries in Cambridgeshire, for instance, where the earliest forms were Cristmasse and Christmasse. It subsequently became Christmas, and down to this present century there have been bearers of the name prominent in other public services. There are thirteen century records of landed gentlemen called Christmas in Huntingdon, shire, Hampshire, Surrey and Essex where the name survives, though, of course, it spread far and wide as means of transport improved.

We have a very lively little story of Mr. Christmas in the diary of Samuel Pepys. Obviously this Mr. Christmas enjoyed good living. Mr. Pepys went to dine with Sir William Batten and there renewed acquaintance with this Mr. Christmas who was an old school fellow.

"He did remember that I was a great Roundhead when I was a boy," Pepys entered in his diary, "and I was much afraid that he would have remembered the words that I said the day the King was beheaded. (that, were I to preach upon him, my text should be, 'The memory of the wicked shall not rot'); but I found afterwards that he did go away from school before that time. He did make us good sport in imitating Mr. Case, Ash, and Nye, the ministers... but a deadly drinker he is, and grown very fat."

This would have been one of the Huntingdonshire Christmas's, for Samuel Pepys, a "sharp boy," well able to take care of himself, was at Huntingdon School when he was about nine or ten. As to the story, a Pepys editor has said we must make allowance "for the school-boy's merely local pride in the prowess of a Huntingdon man."

"OF GOOD MEMORY"
A very different personality was John Of Good Memory who lived five hundred years before the schoolfellow, Mr. Pepys. Here is one of the earliest Father Christmas's on record. He must have been a really striking and well beloved character in his day. Yet, strangely enough, books about old London and reference books are silent, and his story lies elsewhere.

It is strange that London did not set him on record because the romantic history of Drury Lane, destined to become the home of pantomime, really begins with this Christmas's family flourishing through the reigns of Henry III, Edward I and II, and Richard I.

The annals of the London thoroughfare we now know as Aldwych, hard by Drury Lane, may be said to begin with the Christmas family, 850 years ago. Here then was

Christmase House standing amid spacious grounds and fruitful orchards. The stately home of the Christmases was the sort of dream place we love to see on Christmas cards, with winter snow and robins. It adjoined the pretty village with its village green, where now the traffic of the Strand roars for eighteen hours a day.

GAVE HOSPITAL FOR LEPERS
Many members of the Christmase family were as benevolent as we expect any Father Christmas to be. The first was William Christmase, or Xmasse, when Henry III reigned, making a grant of land for the building of a hospital. That lay between the Old Temple and Holborn, now Holborn.

John Of Good Memory was a Christmase who earned that affectionate name by reason of his worthy life and good works. He lived by the village green to which he had given a Cross; and opposite Christmase House the family mansion.

That was why he was known as John de Cruce, for in the olden times it was quite a common custom to link up a man's name with his place of habitation. John Of Good Memory was ever a friend-in-need to the poor about him. Moreover, in those days the disease which struck down rich and poor was leprosy. It was largely through the interest of this John Christmase that a Hospital for Lepers was established. He erected a fountain to be a blessing to the villagers of Aldewych and St. Giles, and to poor wayfarers.

A John Christmase of the same family, a Keeper of the Wardrobe, who gave the Queen's Hospital some land together with five cottages stipulated that the "rent" for same was to be only a rose which was to be laid upon the altar of St. Giles annually on the anniversary of his death.

But while Richard II was on the throne the Christmase traditions and associations were passing. Christmase House had disappeared. In its site, a White Hart Inn destined to be celebrated for its antiques. The White Hart was a favorite symbol with the king and he had adopted it as his badge, and the inn name was chosen as a token of loyalty. Thereafter, and for many years down to the days of Charles the Second, this inn enjoyed royal patronage. It was the scene of revelries and parties.

They would have shocked the noble John Of Good Memory, and the time came when authority swept away all buildings from the land which had been Christmase territory, to make way for a newer more sanitary and more law-abiding quarter.

Santa Claus, Ind. attracts volumes of Christmas mail

About 75 years ago the people of a community in Indiana applied for a post office, asking Santa Fe as a name. There already was a post office by that name in Indiana, and since it was a short time before Christmas, the people decided to name the town Santa Claus, in one word.

In 1938 the name was changed to two words, Santa Claus. Since then letters from all over the world have come in, until now it takes a force of about eight people through November and December to handle the Christmas mail with a new electric cancelling machine. About 60,000 pieces a day are dispatched around Christmas.

A Santa Claus headquarters is maintained where thousands of tourists and visitors buy gifts and post cards. During the Christmas week, Santa Claus, in full uniform and long whiskers, presides.

OTHER NAMES
Although this is the only town in the world bearing this name, other places have names associated with the Yule holiday.

Christmas Island, in the Pacific ocean, is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day, 1777.

Five communities in the United States are named for his holiday. There is a Christmas in Gila county, Arizona; Orange county, Florida; Lawrence county, Kentucky; Bolivar county, Mississippi; and Roane county, Tennessee.

Minnesota boasts of a lake by the name of Christmas. It is located in Scott county.

POINSETTIA LACKS YULE TRADITION

The poinsettia has no Christmas tradition. Possessing beautiful red and green leaves (the flowers themselves being the small yellow centres), and being available at this season, the brilliance and color of this plant add much to Christmas decorations. The plant is native to Central America and Mexico and was adapted some years ago to cultivation by Dr. Poinsett of Charleston, S.C. It is distinctly modern and American.

HAPPY REUNION

LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—An advertisement he placed in a Hannover, Ont., newspaper paid off for S. A. Riles, 67, of Lethbridge. It led to a reunion between Mr. Riles and his sister, Mrs. Edward Radford of Woodstock, Ont., their first meeting in 52 years.

Cellophane tape is handy item around home

Cellophane tape is considered more of a general household item than a bit of workshop equipment. But the home handyman will find dozens of uses for it by exercising a little ingenuity. Here are a few suggestions.

A strip of tape along the cutting line will prevent plywood from splitting while it is being saved. This is particularly effective when you are cutting plywood with a power saw. And while we're talking about it, do not forget that plywood is more likely to splinter on the underside, so keep the good side face up while saving.

Cover electrical outlets with strips of cellophane tape to prevent small children from poking objects into them and possibly getting an electric shock.

A piece of torn wallpaper can be put back in place again with tape. While this is generally done merely by pressing down the tape on the outside of the wallpaper, here's a better idea. Make a few small ringlets of tape with the sticky side out. Then press the tape firmly on the inside of the paper and against the wall. In that way the tape will not show.

Strips of tape afford temporary repair for a cracked window pane, shutting out drafts and preventing the crack from spreading.

Christmas candles have been used by many people

It would be astonishing, indeed, if no candles appeared in homes throughout the nation on Christmas Eve. The legend which surrounds the custom is believed to have started in Ireland.

There, on Christmas Eve a large candle was burned which could be snuffed out only by one named Mary. As the Irish put it: "Who knows, on some Christmas Eve, Jesus and Mary and Joseph may come again, not to Palestine, but to the Holy Isle on the farthest edge of Europe."

Their first use for Christmas is not recorded in the annals of any nation, but that the "Christ Child

Candle," burned in the window of Christmas Eve, is, according to an old legend, placed there to light His way if He makes an earthly visitation and in atonement for the night of His birth when there was no room for Him.

Also among the legends is one about bayberry candles burned on Christmas.

During the early history of our country, animal fats were relatively scarce. The branches of the bayberry shrub were covered with wax-giving berries and children were given the task of gathering the berries when candles had to be made so that the animal fats could be conserved.

According to tradition, one who burned a bayberry candle on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day would have long life and a happy one.

An old verse reads: "To learn you luck for the year they say, Burn a bayberry dip on Christmas day."

If the flame burns bright and the light shines clear, Good luck will be yours throughout the year."

TRIPLE YOLK
BASSANO, Alta.—A Sussex hen owned by George Mashford laid an egg with three yolks. The egg was as large as a goose egg.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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r.p.m.'s column

"Commercialized Christmas"

I'm a bit tired of this continual sniping at Christmas, the charge that we have grown too material and have made a commercial fete of the Christmas season.

There are those who harp so much on this vein that I begin to suspect they have lost their sense of values completely; they think

they see something which is not there at all. Because the general pattern does not conform to their idea they think they see a decadent Rome in today's Christmas festivities; because the majority of people like Christmas to be a friendly time and do feel a bit of goodwill at that season, these objectors find fault. They feel that everyone else is out of step but them.

I disagree. I readily admit that they are entitled to their opinion. But I disagree with that opinion.

I am ready to admit that at Christmas some people spend more money than they should; that some people drink too much; that some people give little or no thought to the old, true meaning of Christmas.

I readily admit all this, but in each case I said "some." I feel that the majority of the people who celebrate Christmas do not come in any of these classes and very few in people obtain a very real spiritual uplift from the Christmas festivities and, though we may not show it outwardly, we are the better for it.

As a matter of fact, I have a real sympathy for all those—well, most of those mentioned above who do those things which my objecting friends say shouldn't be done. I've spent money foolishly at Christmas. But I rarely have had as much pleasure from any giving as I have had from that foolish Christmas spending. The very fact that I should not have spent the money in that way gave an added zip to the giving; if I couldn't afford it and it was a "luxury" item to the receiver, well, I may be wrong, but it seems to me that the money wasn't spent so foolishly and, from a purely selfish viewpoint, the giving gave me a great deal of pleasure.

Perhaps my critical friends will ask where the true spirit of Christmas enters that situation. I think it does. I make a sacrifice to bring pleasure to someone else, well, I think there is something of the Christmas spirit in it. Certainly, there is goodwill, and sacrifice.

What I am trying to say is that the giving of presents is but the material expression of the real Christmas spirit that does exist in the majority of the people. As for those who do go overboard at Christmas by imbibing too much, there is no good excuse for it, of course. And yet in many cases, some of these people do deserve some sympathy, surely. Christmas is a tough time, sentimentally. Memories come flooding back. We do not know what goes on in the minds of our fellows. The regrets, perhaps, the self-blame, perhaps. And if they happen to be alone at the time of the year, surely, when no one should be alone, well, they deserve a bit of sympathy.

Commercialization? I like the Christmas carols being played softly on the streets. I fail to see that there is anything sacrilegious about it. Not a bit more than a radio broadcast of a Christmas church service. The street-playing of Christmas carols does bring the Christmas message to the hurried shopper. There may be no real appreciation of that by the shopper, but the carols and their message do penetrate unconsciously and do help to create an atmosphere of goodwill and joy. If that is commercialism, let's have more of it, say I.

Christmas Cards. Commercialization? I do not think so. I think the Christmas card practice is a renewal of friendship. I look for cards from old friends. Christmas cards are our only connections with some GOOD OLD friends from one year's end to the next. When I open such a card, there is a warm glow inside me. Foolish, perhaps, but there it is. And the hurried line scrawled across the card, adds much more to it. Such cards say to me "You're not forgotten. Here is a kindly thought and best wishes for you." And my day is the better for it. Commercialization? I'm glad my old friends haven't fallen for that talk. I'm glad they still think enough of me to send me a card at the time of the year when one does think of old friends. I hope they will continue to do it.

The b.w. is responsible for most of the good ideas the kids have. She is the thoughtful one, the kindly one. There are times when I think she carries it a bit too far and as a result gets herself in a tangle, but that's another story. One of her ideas is about Christmas cards. Each year she makes a list of people to whom she thinks it would be nice to send a greeting. Newcomers; people who have had some trouble or sickness; people outside our normal orbit of friendship but to whom she would like

to say "Hello."

She makes the list and we sit down and discuss it. And the cards go out. Her idea is sound, that I know from the reaction we have had. People have been pleased. And why not? Aren't the MacLeans pleased when they receive a card from someone they did not expect to send them one?

They are. As is, I think, everyone. After all, a card is tangible evidence that the sender had kindly thoughts toward you and desired to express them. The MacLeans, I know, do appreciate it.

As a matter of fact, one of the real pleasures of the Christmas season, to the writer of this column, is the cards that are sent him. When readers go to the trouble at this busy season to send a card and some go to the trouble of writing a line or two of good-natured criticism, well, it goes a long way toward making one realize that the spirit of goodwill and friendship is abroad in the land at this season of the year. When people whose names I do not know and who do not know me, except through the stuff I write, bother to send a card to extend greetings, well, if this is commercialization, I'm all for it.

But, I seem to have wandered a bit from the point. To get back to those who claim Christmas is too commercialized now have ever stopped to think back to their own youth. I doubt it.

I believe that if they should take the trouble to do so they would come to the realization that twenty, thirty, fifty, seventy years ago Christmas was just as commercialized as it is now. Money was spent on foolish things. More money was spent than should have been spent. People, some people, did drink too much. And, probably, sermons were being preached about the lack of church attendance at Christmas time and editorials were being written about the commercialization of the season.

Certainly in my day, as far back as I can remember, this was so. And I think if our objectors are honest, they will agree that it was so in their youthful days, too.

But they will probably say that MORE is being spent today; that the thing has grown beyond all sensible bounds. Maybe so, but I would argue that in relation to the ability to pay and the general standard of living, Christmas is not much more commercialized today than it was three, five, seven decades ago. People were not as well off in those days; there wasn't the money to spend.

True, the volume of Christmas business has increased but so have prices and so has, indeed, the available money. And, also, I may point out, has the volume of charitable giving. I have no figures—there are none—but I am quite sure if a tally could be made, it would be found that the charitable giving has increased in direct proportion, or greater, as has the "commercialized" side of Christmas.

I believe in people. And I may be wrong, but I believe that today people are more conscious of their fellows than they were at any other time in history. I believe there are more friendly acts being done, more heralded and unsung. I know that more is being done in a social welfare way. And I think there is more goodwill, a greater desire to be tolerant, a greater desire to be helpful, than at any other time. And I believe that the "commercialized" Christmas which some so deplore with its street carols, its Christmas cards and Christmas giving, its parties (which are but a desire to extend greetings to friends) is but an outward expression of these things, which, after all are fundamental to the Christmas season.

If this is wrong, then I am wrong for this I believe. And believing this, I am a bit tired of those who rant about "commercialized Christmas."

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Proceeds Glenmore Christmas concert go to "Jack Robertson Memorial Fund"

GLENMORE — The Glenmore School Christmas concert held last Thursday evening was a great success. At the suggestion of the children the proceeds went toward the Jack Robertson Memorial Fund.

Total of \$100 was raised in this way and another \$13 was added to it by the children taking collections in the Glenmore school bus.

Each child in the school had a part to play in the concert and there was a varied program with carol singing and several plays enacted. Santa Claus was present and gave each of the wide-eyed children a gift. Don McKay acted as master of ceremonies and kept everyone amused. All in all it was a very enjoyable program and the teachers deserve a great deal of credit for its success.

The Ladies of the Bankhead Circle of the United Church held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. F. Sutton on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Yamanoto recently spent a week holidaying in Vancouver and visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele, and Mr. and Mrs. George Gunderson.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Buttmore of Portneuf, Que., arrived on Friday and will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Marshall for Christmas. Mrs. Buttmore is Mrs. Marshall's sister.

Miss Sheila Reid arrived home on Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Reid. Leonie will also be home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Dunaway are spending the holiday with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Dunaway of Edmonton.

A children's Christmas party was held at the United Church Hall last Wednesday by the ladies of the Bankhead Circle of the United Church and 25 children attended.

Miss Mabel E. Corner, of Vancouver, will spend Christmas with her

brother, R. W. Corner, and Mrs. Corner. Other guests of the Corner's will be Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Winger of Vancouver.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall over Christmas and New Years will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marshall and Chris, of Edmonton, Alta.

The Edna Corner Circle of the United Church was entertained at a buffet supper at the home of Mrs. R. W. Corner recently. About 20 attended and an evening of games and a spelling-contest followed the supper.

E. Carlson, of Armstrong, will be the guest of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Dooley over Christmas.

The Glenmore Circle of the United Church held a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. G. Pearcey last week. Mrs. Leitch and Mrs. Perley were special guests.

Two valuable dogs have been missing from their homes in Bankhead Heights since last Friday and the owners would be very grateful to anyone who could supply information as to their whereabouts. One is a black Labrador belonging to Bill Robson and the other was Don McKay's golden retriever. Both dogs are about nine months old.

ENTERTAIN PRISONERS
HEADINGLEY, Man.—More than 300 inmates at Headingley jail were entertained at a concert by Ed Emel and his Fort Garry orchestra, with Lorraine Bous as vocalist plus a comedian and master of ceremonies. The group have made three such visits to the institution in the past year.

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season brim over with all good things
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wishes for a Joyous Holiday Season.

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GUELPH, Ont.—Wellington county put up signs as a safety measure. Signs will be erected at all entrances to the county roads to show county roads, has decided now to the latter are "through" roads.

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Under the tower at Ottawa

By O. L. JONES, M.P.



Mr. John Blackmore, who recently expressed admiration for Mr. McCarthy and his committee, endeavored to create an opportunity in the House to further enlarge on this subject but the Speaker ruled that the matter was not one of urgent importance—which is necessary before the House can be diverted from its routine work. So, for the present, we shall not hear any more on this subject. No doubt, Mr. Blackmore will find ample opportunities early in the New Year to record his views on what has commonly become known as "McCarthyism."

The Canadian flag has again become an issue of parliament and was discussed at length recently following a motion by Mr. Bona Arseneault. Mr. Arseneault's contention was that while Canada was a colony under the supreme authority and jurisdiction of the Imperial Parliament the Union Jack was the official flag flown on land and the Red Ensign at sea which indicated the supremacy of the British Parliament over the Canadian Parliament.

He claimed that now that Canada had become a self-governing Nation, it should indicate her independent position by having a distinctive national flag. He favored a flag without the Union Jack or the Fleur-de-lis to avoid rousing racial bitterness. He claimed that Canada's constitutional position today—with respect to Great Britain—is similar to the position of Scotland with respect to England during the years 1603 to 1707 when the two Kingdoms were united under one King but had two separate parliaments and flags.

"QUEEN'S FLAG"
He further suggested that the Union Jack should continue to be flown and named "The Queen's Flag" indicating our connection with the Commonwealth of Nations. Mr. Drew supported the idea of a national flag but opposed the setting up of another committee intimating that the government should act on the information already available and should tell the House what it intends to do.

Mr. Caldwell supported the idea of a national flag pointing out that we are the only self-governing commonwealth country without a distinctive flag at the present time. He pointed out that today England, Scotland, Wales and other commonwealth member nations have a distinctive national flag and at the same time fly the Union Jack as the symbol of unity within the Commonwealth of Nations. In the same way, a Canadian flag would symbolize and identify our own country. Mr. Hansell reminded the House that a committee had examined 2,895 designs and had made recommendations but a bill was never brought down by the government to carry out the wishes of this committee. Several other members added their support to the idea but as usual, the discussion was closed by a member of the Liberal party and eventually came to a vote which resulted in 137 for adjourning the debate and 74 in favor of continuing the debate. Even the proposer of the motion, who is a government member, supported a vote against his own expressed convictions. A few days, later, however, he placed on the order paper a bill dealing with the same subject. So it is quite possible the question of the flag will again appear before the House.

CUSTOMS ACT

A bill to amend the customs act was presented by the Honorable Dr. McCann. This bill proposes to amend the act to prevent dumping of textiles into Canada. At the present time, the textiles industry is suffering from what they consider unfair competition. Several speakers felt that some of the fault was with the industry itself and should be the subject of review. Others felt, including myself, that if the act is to be changed to prevent dumping of certain goods for the protection of certain industries then the bill should be broadened to include similar protection against dumping to the fruit and vegetable growers of Canada. It is rather interesting to note that last year we imported fruit and vegetables to the value of \$61,000,000 from the USA and exported to that country a little over \$11,000,000. Mr. Walter Tucker claimed that the Liberal party received its mandate on the principle of free trading claiming that restriction of trade is bad for the economy of the country as a whole. He claimed that the protection wall built by the various countries to protect their industry resulted in the depression of the thirties. Mr. Tucker agreed that there was a temporary, difficult situation to be met and urged the minister to allow the act to operate for one year only and then to be reviewed in the light of events at the end of that year.

CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Garson opened the debate on second reading of Bill No. 7, which is the new criminal code. This is a very large and important document with over 750 separate clauses. Mr. Garson announced that the government planned to appoint a joint parliamentary committee and a royal commission to study four of these clauses which would include whether capital punishment should be continued or not and whether lotteries should be legalized. Both of these subjects have prompted some of my constituents to write to me on the matter, some in favor and some strongly opposed. The argument against capital punishment is that it has failed as a deterrent to murder and is a relic of past ages. Those in favor of lotteries have pointed out to me that millions of dollars are constantly being sent from Canada to Ireland indicating that a large percentage of the Canadian people wish to take a gamble in the hope of getting substantial gain. Others claim

Fuel bills will be cut by good weather stripping

Take it from the Institute of Technology at the University of Minnesota, weatherstripping, properly done, will cut fuel bills by as much as 24 per cent.

That's a big saving, yet weatherstripping is no longer considered a product with the sole purpose of sealing in heat and keeping out cold. When a house is cooled artificially, the stripping prevents hot air from coming in. It also seals out dust and dirt and is being used more often where high winds push all kinds of dirt particles through door and window openings.

There is no doubt that the most effective weatherstripping is the interlocking metal type which fits into grooves in the wood. Even if you are an expert woodworker, this kind of stripping can be applied only with the aid of special tools. Also, it can run into a pretty penny if a number of doors and windows must be treated.

Therefore, let's just talk about the kind of weatherstripping that can be installed by the man, and the woman, of the house.

And do not imagine for a moment that these, easy-to-apply types of stripping fail to do the job. Most of them give excellent protection against the weather, although, naturally, there are variations in effectiveness depending upon the quality of the product and the care with which it is applied.

TWO TYPES

Generally speaking, weatherstripping falls into two categories, flexible and rigid. The flexible types are made of felt, rubber, cotton and materials of that nature, some of them being combined with metal, plastic or wood. The rigid types are made of metal and these, too, are occasionally combined with other substances.

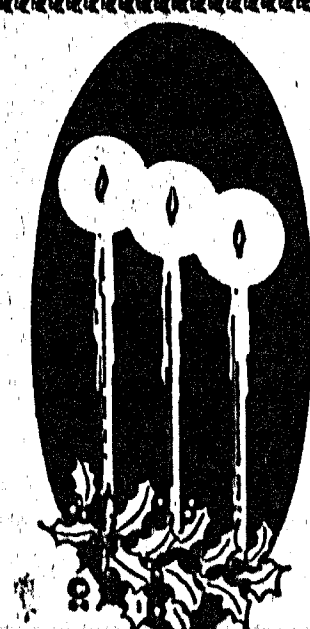
The cheapest variety of stripping is felt, usually sold in rolls and put on with tacks. The felt, and virtually all types of weatherstripping, should be applied whenever possible against the weather, although, naturally, there are variations in effectiveness depending upon the quality of the product and the care with which it is applied.

FELT INTERIOR

A type of metal weatherstripping with a felt interior that protrudes a little is very effective. It is attached with brads and holds up well. Another kind comes in what looks like rolls of putty. Very pliable, it is simple to put on. But, like the felt, it can be considered only a temporary stripping. However, it will last quite a long time if there is no friction against it, such as when applied to a window that will not be opened or closed.

Actually, there are so many different kinds of weatherstripping on the market that it would take a long time to mention them all. Two recent varieties had wool pile sealed in a narrow, plastic strip. The plastic strip is intended for tack holes at regular intervals. Its manufacturers say that it will give a protection equal to that of metal stripping. The other kind is made of resilient sponge rubber, with a coating of neoprene to resist oil, sunlight, water and extreme variations of temperature. It has a flexible spring wire flange that makes it easy to tack down. It is extremely easy to apply to a door.

Incidentally, there isn't much point to weatherstripping if you allow gusts of air to enter the house through small openings around windows. The weatherstripping should be accompanied by a



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U.S. horticultural group seeks \$90,000 for fruit research

WENATCHEE—A State Horticultural Association drive for \$90,000—on the basis of \$1 for every acre of orchard in the state—is being aimed at providing research facilities of immeasurable value to the fruit industry.

Planned as a memorial to the work of the late Fred Overly, first superintendent at the Tree Fruit Experiment station here, the drive got underway last week at the association's annual meeting.

It will be used as an example to the State Legislature that the fruit industry can help itself, just as have cattlemen, wheat growers and seed growers in recent fund-raising programs to assist research in those industries.

Meeting here, a special committee headed by George Sisler of East Wenatchee outlined the aims of the project. By showing the State Legislature that the industry can help itself, it is hoped that appropriations can be obtained for the new Tree Fruit Experiment Station laboratory that has been planned for many years.

While Dr. Wilson Compton was president at Washington State College, architect's plans and all engineering for the laboratory was completed at a cost of \$17,400, which was obtained in the WSC budget.

TREMENDOUS VALUE

Greatest immediate advances in research could come through acquisition of an electron microscope, the committee was told.

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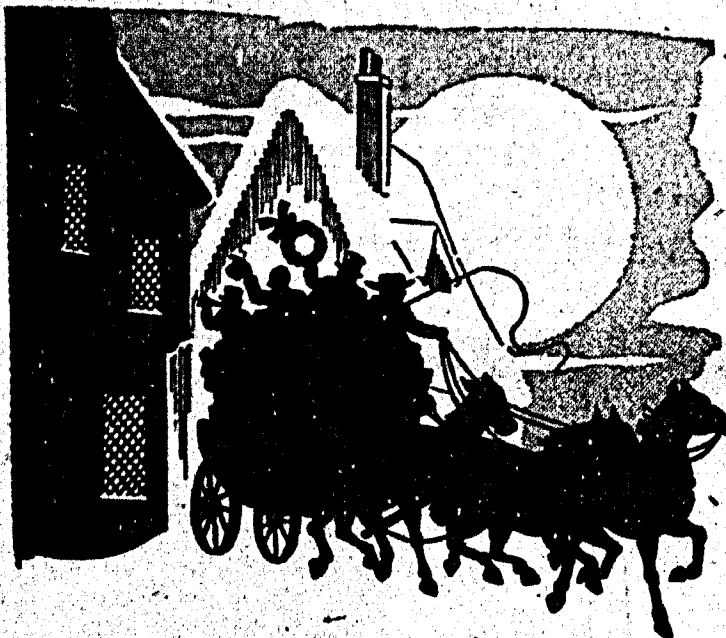
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extend greetings to all

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SYDNEY, N.S.—The Rural and a cost-of-living bonus from the Cape Village School Teachers local of the Brevet county council which meets N.S. teachers union decided to seek in January.



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Bus is no place for a tiger



Citizens of Ascot, England, are so used to seeing this full grown tiger being led along the streets by its owner, Alexander Kerr, a circus animal trainer, that they barely give it second glance. But when Mr. Kerr tried to get his outsize mouse-hound into a public bus, the conductor drew the line. Kerr raised the tiger from an eight-months-old cub and treats it like an overgrown cat.

The Victoria merry-go-round

By JAMES K. NESBITT

VICTORIA—This column last week made some comments on a reported gorgeousness going on in the office of Public Works Minister Gargardi. The comments were based on a report in a daily newspaper.

Mr. Gargardi has since said the reports were not true; he admitted to a new desk, but said it would only cost about \$118; he said he has no intention of ordering new draperies, chesters and carpets. He termed the report "a distorted display of misrepresentation."

This column is sorry if it has caused an embarrassment to Mr. Gargardi, and accepts his word that his office is not being turned into a bower of gorgeousness.

An outstanding event of recent days was the potlatch at the new Indian house in Thunderbird Park. Next time you're in Victoria you should make a point of seeing this house.

I was fortunate enough to see the potlatch, and it was indeed memorable. I shall not soon forget the setting, and the scene—the bonfire in the centre of the house, no chim-

ney, the smoke being drawn up to an opening in the roof, and there was smoke in our eyes, too.

On the bare earth floor, cold and damp, around the fire, in the flickering light, with the sparks soaring upwards, the Indians, in native costume, did their dances, while four old Chiefs beat time with sticks on a bench, and chanted, to give a fine background of music that was somehow true. There was movement, there was rhythm and color.

EXCITING TOUCH

One was able to sense something of the excitement of the Indian people at potlatch time, one felt the mysticism of these dances, and the ritual was somehow beautiful. It was fascinating to watch one old lady, a spectator. Her face was almost bronze, and heavily lined—a strong, fine face. She sat impassively at first, and then, as the rhythm increased, as the chanting became louder, as the dancers swayed, she appeared carried away and her mind no doubt went long, long back to when she was a girl, and suddenly she commenced beating time with her hands, oblivious to all around her except the dancers and the fire and the sticks beating on the bench and the chanting of the old Chiefs.

The new Indian house is part of the government's plan of remodeling Thunderbird Park, which has now become a tremendous tourist attraction. It has, too, important historical value; anthropologists never tire of studying this park. The public is now definitely interested in Indian history, after for years scoffing at it. On the third night of the potlatch nearly 2,000 people lined up two and three deep for hours, but couldn't get in, for the house only holds about 250.

The potlatch was, in effect, a house warming. To the Indians of coastal B.C. the completion of a new house was a most important event, that called for great ceremonies and feasting.

Several things are accomplished at such house-warmings. The owner must prove his hereditary right to use the carved and painted crests on the house posts, and house-front, by relating his family traditions and accomplishments. He is expected to "potlatch" gifts to those who helped him build the house, and to the important guests who have come to witness the ceremony. He usually takes the opportunity to bestow important, inherited names upon members of his family, and to display the masked dances and other performances which belong to himself or members of his family by virtue of inheritance or marriage.

OTHER B.C. TRIBES

More than all other tribes of the B.C. coast, the Kwakiutl are famous for their masked dances, and it was these dances that visitors to the Victoria potlatch were privileged to see.

And they were performed in an authentic Kwakiutl Indian house. The style of construction, the carved houseposts, the huge adzed beams, the adzed cedar timbers and planks, the house-front paintings, all are similar to those of houses built during the nineteenth century by the Kwakiutl tribes on northern Vancouver Island and the adjacent mainland.

The house in Thunderbird Park here is a copy of one built at Fort Rupert about a century ago. The carved posts are exact replicas. The back posts have the mythical bird Ho'ho' at the top and the

Pupils of Okanagan Centre school present annual Christmas concert

OKANAGAN CENTRE—The Okanagan Centre Community Hall was crowded last Thursday evening when pupils of the two-room school, under their teachers, Miss Bradshaw (Div. 2), and Mrs. Erwin (Div. 1) presented their Christmas concert.

With Charles Leslie at the piano and A. Whitehead as emcee, the following numbers were produced: 1. Recitation by Stanley McDonald; 2. "Deck The Halls" by the whole school; 3. "Christmas Decorations" by eleven children of Div. 2, costumed as various decorations, each of whom gave short recitations.

"Los Posadas," a Mexican Christmas, a colorful skit with all of Div. 1 taking part. Recitation "Unfair to Small Boys" by Lawrence Whitehead, Div. 1 singing North American folk-songs; "Bring A Torch, Janette Isabella;" "Newfoundland Squid Jigging Song" and "Skip to my Lou."

Recitation, "A beautiful Christmas Morning" by Caroline Motowolo, "In Quest of Christmas," a short play by pupils of Div. 1, with the heavy parts taken by Victor Drought as the tyrannical Prince who did not believe in Christmas, and Dale MacDonald as one of his unfortunate subjects.

The closing number was a spirited rendering of "O, Come All Ye Faithful," by the whole school.

The organization of the party was, as usual, the work of the Women's Institute. The hall was decorated by Mesdames Harrop, Hunter and Snowden, while Mrs. Motowolo and Mrs. R. Brixton con- vened refreshments.

Following the program games were enjoyed by the children, after which they were seated at tables for supper. Santa Claus, a year older and somewhat stouter, arrived, about nine o'clock, and assisted by Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Gabel, distributed gifts and treats from a

Grizzly Bear at the bottom, holding a child. The front posts show the greatest Denique (one of Emily Carr's most famous paintings) at the top, with Grizzly Bear holding a copper below.

The Grizzly Bear is the crest of a Kwakiutl clan. One of the figures on the new house is Tsosna, the Thunderbird, a crest of the Tsosna clan of the Awaitha tribe of Knight Inlet.

Thunderbird Park is owned by the Provincial Government. It is one of many advantages Victoria has in being the capital, but it belongs to all the people of British Columbia.

Christmas Day is the happiest day of the whole year

Christmas time! That man must be a misanthrope indeed in whose breast something like a jovial feeling is not aroused, in whose mind some pleasant associations are not awakened by the

recurrence of Christmas. Some people will tell you that Christmas is not to them what it used to be; that each succeeding Christmas has found some cherished hope or happy prospect of the year before dimmed or passed away; that the present only serves to remind them of reduced incomes, of the feasts they once bestowed on hollow friends and of the cold looks that meet them now in adversity and misfortune. Never heed such dismal reminiscences. There are few men who have lived long enough in the world who cannot call up such thoughts any day in the year. Then do not select the merriest of the 365 days for your doleful recollections.—Charles Dickens.

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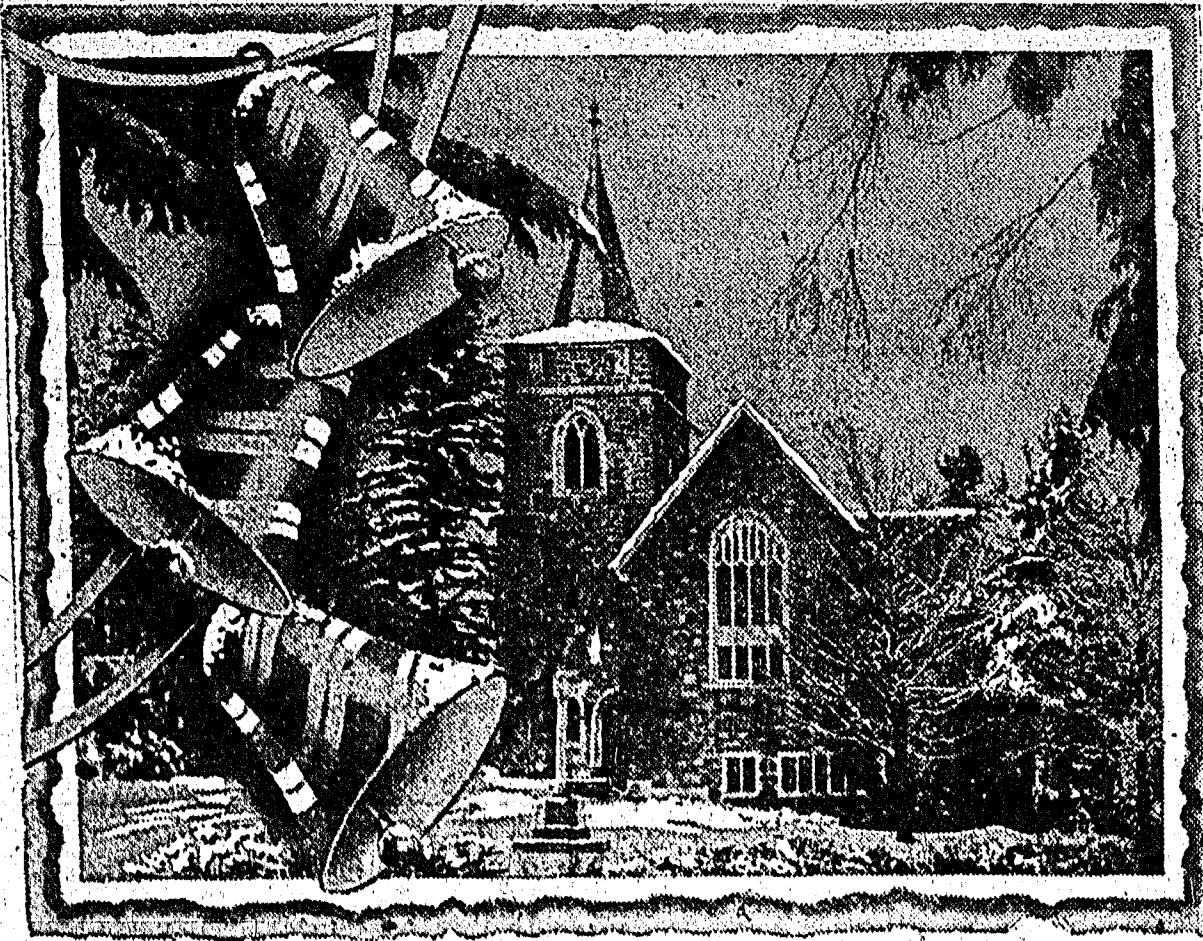
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May the "Peace that passeth all understanding" enter into your heart at Christmas. In the spirit of Him, whose Natal Day we celebrate, may you find the hope, faith and courage to hold steadfast to the bright promise of a world in which peace and good will shall reign forevermore.

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Editorials

A hope and a promise

Christmas, 1953, dawns on a troubled world. The song of the angels comes fitfully through the shouts of discordant nations and the talk of atom bombs and hydrogen bombs. A demonstration is being planned to illustrate just how destructive a hydrogen bomb can be. Civil security forces are being organized. Signs reading "Air Raid Shelter" are commonplace in large cities. But the song of the angels is still to be heard for those whose ears are attuned to the music of peace and goodwill. It will take more than the might of men to down the eternal purpose. We learn slowly, but we learn.

It is a pity that people should not be able to enjoy this age-old festival with unclouded minds and hearts. Many, indeed, are filled with foreboding and apprehension over the future. The prevalence of this mood is the evidence of a weakening of the power or religion in our society. For those who still hold fast to the simple, unwavering faith of our forefathers, hope is not dead, and the future is in safe hands, black though it may look to our finite vision.

That is the abiding message of Christmas. There is a hope which cannot die. There is a reality beyond the surface of existence. Events do not deny these things; they reinforce their truth. The darkness of the hour is not a cause of despair. There have been many dark hours in the past, and man and his unconquerable faith have survived them. The eternal values will persist, regardless of discoveries and denials, ambitions and conquests. This is not idle optimism. It is the fundamental lesson of history.

One of the beloved traditions of Christmas is that the world was at peace when the Christ-child was born. And, as with most traditions, there is a significance that goes beyond the pleasant belief. Today, in the sanctuary of our homes there may be peace. Let us put aside the frantic rivalries of nations, and dedicate our hearts to the joy and trust of Christmas. Let us even love our enemies, as we should on Christmas. If we could climb that high, even for one day, we should not slip back quite so far again.

This year the calendar has brought us Christmas at the weekend. Thus, for millions, it will be a day of homecoming. The roots of memory and early life will be tapped again, bringing enrichment to hearts too often starved of sentiment. For the children, it will be a day of wonder and satisfaction. Only once does such a combination of gifts and food occur during the year. But behind the material things there will be a spirit which the heart and mind of a child finds easy to comprehend—the spirit of Christmas. And within the hearts of all will be instilled an understanding and a love of the ancient traditions which live on in each succeeding generation.

For some, there will be loneliness. The joy will be mixed with sadness for the loss of one who was loved and has been lost awhile. But who could measure the outpouring of sympathy which Christmas brings, and which finds outlet in giving pleasure to those whom life has hurt or neglected? This is the glory of Christmas—the way people share.

True, there could be complaint over the way greed has exploited the spirit of Christmas, making present-giving and spending a sort of mania. The charm of carol singing has given way in too many cases to a reach for novelty, entirely destroying the simplicity which is the soul of such music. But Christmas does not depend on material things. It is a spirit within the hearts of men. It should remain so.

But throughout the Christmas Day, whatever we may do or wherever we may go, let us remember the hope and promise behind it all. They lie forever symbolized in the song of the angels, telling of the heavenly gift of peace on earth and goodwill toward men. It is only as we live with each other in the light of that promise that we shall find peace. And though we may not find peace today between nations, it is still possible to find peace in our hearts. And even more positively, it is possible to live with goodwill toward men.

Greetings to the family

Christmas has many meanings—the star in the east and the manger in Bethlehem; Santa Claus; the Christmas tree, holly and mistletoe; the Salvation Army pots by the curbs; last minute shopping; greeting cards; the opening of gaily beribboned parcels; going to church on a snowy morning; the feast of roast turkey and plum pudding.

All these meanings, all this joyous complexity of traditions and memories, add up to one meaning—good will. Christmas is a time of warmth and affection and generosity, a family time and by its magic the family feeling overflows its bounds, goes beyond friends and relatives and takes in everyone within reach. Humanity is all one big family at Christmas.

And so to The Courier "family"—the readers of this newspaper—to those who have to be on duty and defer their own family celebrations, to those who are able to be at home, to the young and to the senior citizens, to the well and to those not in the best of health, to our boosters and to our critics—in fact, the whole family of Courier readers, we extend our sincere wishes for your deep happenings throughout the season, and our hope that the Christmas fire kindled in your hearts will keep you warm in the year to come.

RCMP inspector not in favor of "ghost cars" in Kelowna

Police "ghost cars" may be out for Kelowna. City council Monday night received word from Inspector H. J. Spanton of the RCMP subdivision at Kamloops in which he pointed out that he was "not in favor" of using the unmarked cars to apprehend traffic offenders.

Inspector Spanton said that two new cars are in operation here—one in the city and another in the district—and that these were enough for the time being. Earlier, Mayor J. J. Ladd had told the RCMP that special traffic officer L. A. N. Potterton was willing to work with the Mounties in traffic control. It would be necessary for council to amend the traffic by-law if the special officer is granted permission to lay information to the police.

As the result of Inspector Spanton's letter, Ald. Dick Parkinson told council that he was "not satisfied" with the report. "That means that we will have to wait again . . . they (the RCMP) took no action in the past and now flatly refuse to let our own man (Potterton) do anything but tag cars," said Ald. Parkinson. Ald. R. D. Knox moved that the report be filed.

Home for Christmas



Kathy Archibald, Kelowna's goodwill ambassador, is home! In fact she's been home since late Sunday night. Wearing from her round of activities and the long trip home, she swore her family to secrecy, and as a consequence, has enjoyed a well-earned rest since her arrival.

Taking the train from Toronto to Windsor, Kathy joined friends there who drove her to Calgary—a strenuous and tiring trip. At Calgary she boarded the train, after phoning home to ask her father to meet her at Sicamous.

Kathy will be at home until early in the New Year, when she returns to Toronto to Paul Sherman's agency in Mart Kenney's office. This agency acts as her agent on behalf of the Miss Canada Pageant Ltd.

On her return to Toronto Kathy will also resume her night classes at the University.

Extension of PGE to Vancouver and Peace River country will start in 1954, says premier

A start will be made on the extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway into Vancouver and the rich Peace River country in 1954, Premier W. A. C. Bennett intimated today.

Mr. Bennett arrived home late last night to spend Christmas and New Years with his family, after conferring with federal government officials and New York investors.

He declined to go into details, but stated he expects "full co-operation" from the national government.

The premier visualized a huge industrial development program in the Peace River country when the railway line is completed.

When in New York, the Premier was also assured by U.S. investors that "many millions of extra dollars will be used in drilling for gas and oil in the B.C. section of the Peace River country commencing in 1954."

These developments along with increased highway construction;

the establishment of additional paper and newsprint mills and other industries in the province, including the distribution of natural gas by-products (propane gas) and petrol chemical industry, will open up a new period of development for all B.C. Mr. Bennett declared.

CO-OPERATION NECESSARY

"To bring this great period of development into fruition, it will be necessary to have the closest co-operation between the B.C. and national government, industry and labor," he said.

Mr. Bennett was confident that the federal board at Washington will give the "green light" for construction of a pipeline in the Pacific Northwest. "It is logical that the Peace River gas can be used to supply the Pacific coast market on both sides of the international border," he said. The matter is now before a federal board at Washington.

Kelowna stores open until 9 p.m.

Last minute Christmas shoppers are reminded that stores will be open until 9:00 o'clock tonight, and will close at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Christmas eve.

Stores will be closed on Friday and Saturday. The government liquor store will be the only business house open Christmas eve. Store is open until 9:00 p.m.

"PEACE ON EARTH"

Many city churches plan holding special services Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

"Peace on earth, Goodwill toward men," will be the theme for special Christmas services to be observed throughout the district, and to which hundreds of citizens will flock from Christmas Eve to Christmas Sunday, December 27.

Special Christmas celebrations at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels will begin with the Christmas Eve Midnight Choral Eucharist, starting at 11:30 p.m. On Christmas Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. there will be a family service which parents and children will attend together, with Holy Communion again at 12:00 noon, specially for those unable to attend the early celebration.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

First United Church held its Christmas services on Sunday, December 20, and on Sunday, December 27 will again render special Christmas music.

Christmas Eve at the Church of the Immaculate Conception will be observed this year with great solemnity. During the singing of Christmas carols by the senior choir which immediately precedes the Midnight Mass, a figure of the Infant Saviour will be borne in procession and placed on a pallet of straw, in the manner of a Bethlehem scene prepared to receive Him.

SOLEMN HIGH MASS

The celebrant of the Solemn High Mass at midnight will be Rt. Rev. Monsignor W. B. McKenzie; the deacon will be Rev. J. A. Cunningham, and the sub-deacon will be Rev. Father Zephyr, of Vancouver. The choir, under the direction of Slater Ann Elizabeth, will render the "Mass of the Nativity," by Korner, with organ accompaniment played by Miss M. Brockman. The Nativity sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Cunningham.

The morning masses at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 o'clock will have the accompaniment of the junior choir singing the Christmas carols; and for the High Mass at 11:00 o'clock the senior choir will return and render the Nativity Mass, as at midnight.

The High Mass at eleven o'clock will be followed by Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Evangel Tabernacle will hold a special service on Christmas Day when Mrs. L. McEwen, Vancouver, will speak. The church has been suitably

Kelownians prepared to observe joyous Christmas after weeks of preparation

Premier's Christmas message

I am pleased to have this opportunity to extend warmest Christmas greetings to the citizens of British Columbia, wherever they may be.

It is my sincere hope that you may enjoy all the good things associated with the festive season in the true spirit of Christmas and I earnestly hope that the theme of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" will remain with each and everyone throughout the coming year, to bring about a better understanding so that we may be at peace with all men.

With these thoughts in mind, it is my sincere pleasure to extend to the people of British Columbia the traditional greeting . . . MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE VERY BEST IN THE NEW YEAR.

W. A. C. BENNETT,
Premier of British Columbia.

Council studying possible construction of proposed library, museum building

City Council discussed possible sites for the proposed new library and museum here Monday night but decided to table the matter until the new year when it could be considered along with other capital expenditures.

The mayor and councillors briefly studied plans submitted by architect M. E. Utley for the museum, along with his estimated cost of

\$35,000 for construction of the building. A suggestion that the new library and museum be constructed on the civic centre property was put forward by some aldermen but others were in favor of building near or on the site of the present museum.

Mayor J. J. Ladd reminded council that, parking facilities for the future would have to be considered in any discussion of building the library and museum at the civic center.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION

City Council approved construction Monday night of a five-foot-wide sidewalk on the east side of Bertram Street from Bernard to Harvey Avenue.

Estimated cost will be \$2,245—\$1,286 to be paid by the corporation of the City of Kelowna.

Rate per foot frontage will be \$1.44 with the special assessment to be borne by ratepayers in 20 instalments.

Woodsworth transferred to Rutland

Bruce Woodsworth, principal of the George Pringle High School for the past eight years, has been transferred to the Rutland Senior High School, where he will join the teaching staff. D. H. "Pi" Campbell is principal of the Rutland school.

W. M. MacLachlan, who has been teaching school at Westbank for the last six years, will be acting principal until the end of the school term.

The department of education recommended that Mr. Woodsworth be transferred after two public meetings were held in the district.

Striking woodworkers will not go hungry at Christmas

Despite the fact the S. M. Simpson Mill has been closed down for over two months, no family of an IWA member will go hungry this Christmas.

The men have been drawing strike pay for over six weeks, and families in exceptionally dire circumstances have been given a little "extra money," according to a union spokesman. It is understood that S. M. Simpson carried out his usual practice of giving a Christmas turkey to his employees, even though they are on strike.

A Christmas party was held for children of the IWA members at the Orange Hall on Monday. The usual Christmas treats were distributed by Santa Claus.

Meanwhile there is little hope that the southern interior lumber strike will be settled until mid-January, at the earliest. A union spokesman said the IWA intends to "stand pat" on its demand for a compulsory checkoff of union dues and a change in the termination date of the contract from September to July, plus an increase in wages.

Judge A. E. Lord, who was appointed by the government to make a personal investigation into the tie-up, will not be in Kelowna until after the new year. No definite date has been set as to when he will open hearings in the southern interior. Judge Lord recently completed his investigation in the 13-week-old northern interior lumber strike.

The IWA policy committee has since rejected Judge Lord's recommendations for settling the strike. And it has also sidestepped a suggestion of the operators that all employees of the industry centering on Prince George vote on the judge's proposals under government supervision.

Union officials will recommend (Turn to Page 8, Story 1)

Publication Dates

The Christmas and the New Year's holidays will disrupt the normal publication schedule of The Courier.

Readers, advertisers, news boys and others are requested to note that our publication schedule during the next two weeks will be as follows:

Wednesday, December 23.
Wednesday, December 30.
Wednesday, January 6.
Monday, January 11.
Thursday, January 14, and thereafter our normal Monday and Thursday schedule.
Again, there will be NO paper published on Thursday, December 24; Monday, December 28; Thursday, December 31; Monday, January 4; Thursday, January 7.

Bone-weary store clerks will heave sigh of relief

By RON BAIRD

'Twas the night before Christmas
And all through the house
Not a creature was stirring
Except a few thousand Kelownians.

As far as the creatures go, they'll probably be the only ones in town that do get a break tomorrow night as tired householders totter home under armloads of last-minute Christmas shopping.

Bone-weary store clerks will heave a sigh of relief when they lock up at 5:30 p.m. and go home to put their sore toesies in a hot bath. Merchants will sit back with smiles on their faces, looking at figures on 1953 business which—despite a \$50,000 payroll loss caused by the mill strike here—turned out to be pretty fat and healthy in the past 300 odd days.

Christmas shoppers—stripped of their last nickel in a frantic attempt to load sagging trees with colorful goodies for this annual wave of gift-buying—will shake their heads in wonder at how a bank account could disappear so quickly.

RCMP and the fire department will keep their collective fingers crossed and hope that business for them over the holiday season turns out to be the worst yet.

ARENA CLOSED

The ice at the Memorial Arena will get a chance to cool off—doors will be closed Christmas Eve and won't re-open again until Boxing Day when the Packers get a chance at 2:30 p.m. to work off the pounds

they added at the Christmas dinner table.

Christmas Day is a grand day. As a matter of fact, most people need it to recover from Christmas Eve.

For Pop, it gives him a chance to nurse the thumb he bashed in an attempt to straighten up that lopsided tree and the mild shock he received when he poked his thumb into the light socket to find out why the electrical decorations on the tree weren't functioning.

For Mom, last-minute shopping was rough enough but she faces a rather shattering ordeal in front of the kitchen stove Christmas morning before her share of the festive season is over and she can collapse in a heap on the chaise longue after dinner is all over.

As for Junior, this Christmas Eve is a big deal.

JUNIOR CURIOUS

He'll be put to bed at least a dozen different times but it won't take.

He'll be the most curious little guy in the house as he pokes into all the corners looking for gaily-wrapped presents. In the end, however, sheer fatigue will do the trick but Mom and Pop will still be thundering about doing a few little chores before everything is under control in the house.

Up at the radio station, weary announcers will have played "White Christmas" for the 2,000th time until it sounds like a Spike Jones record spun backwards.

When you come right down to it, the only things that WON'T be stirring "the night before Christmas" will be the creatures.

And if you look up the word "creature" in the dictionary, the definition goes something like this: OLD ROVER

1. A DOMESTIC ANIMAL. Well, that could be old Rover, who slept through all the stirring that was going on and will probably do the same thing the next day while everyone else is caught in the Christmas rush.

2. A thing that promotes man's comfort, especially food or drink; hence, humorously, liquor, esp. whiskey.

Hal Hal That old dictionary is really a card.

It defines "creature" as something that promotes man's comfort with drink, esp. whiskey.

Well sir, I guess that could mean the Liquor Commission Store.

And they won't be stirring after 9:00 p.m.

So the only people that will be a few thousand Kelownians.

And to them, a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Augie Ciancone Memorial Award



During the January 2 hockey game here, two junior athletes, judged most outstanding in this district for 1952 and 1953, will receive the Augie Ciancone Memorial Award, shown above. A committee raised the money a short time ago to provide the award in memory of the well-known athlete who died of leukemia January 1, 1952, at the age of 26. Winners for 1952 and 1953 already have been chosen by a special panel but names will not be divulged until presentations are made January 2.

McCully and Keil to join Packers

Bill McCully and Bob Keil, former Medicine Hat Tigers-Trail Smoke Eaters, who showed so effectively here in recent games, have both been signed by the Kelowna Packers, hockey officials announced today. Unable to return in time from Trail, they did not play Tuesday night in Kamloops. Each is 20 years of age.

The release of Fred Hall was also announced.

Goal-tender worries have been plaguing the team since Al Laface was injured. With the return of Seth Martin and Spanky Hodgson to Trail and Nelson, matters have been further complicated.

Bob Taylor played Tuesday, while Jim McDonald, another Trail Smoke Eaters goalie, will be in the Packers' citadel tonight. Martin has stated that McDonald is a capable custodian. Fans were impressed with Martin's work between the pipes but due to his wife's operation, he was unable to stay here.

Twenty-four more oven-ready turkeys, donated by Super-Valu, will be given away at tonight's game. Game time is 8:00 p.m. due to late Christmas shopping hours.

Saturday, Boxing Day, Penticton V's will be the visitors, with the game taking place at 2:30 p.m. Fifteen 15-pound hams, courtesy of Sutton's Meat Market, will be given away at this game.

RICHARD SWITCH

It was Paul Haynes, former member of the Montreal Maroons, Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens, who switched to Maurice Richard from a left to a right winger. Haynes was coaching the Montreal Canadiens Seniors at the time (1941-42) and Richard was his star left wing.

Packers meet Elks tonight

A Christmas-time slump in some sports here has not affected the Packers as they continue their climb out of the cellar and are hard after the sagging Vernon Canadians.

Packers are scheduled to meet Kamloops Elks tonight at 9:00 p.m. in a home game at the Memorial Arena while Canadians and the V's do battle at Vernon.

Penticton turns up here for a Boxing Day game at 2:30 p.m., while Elks and Canadians meet at Vernon.

Next Tuesday night, Packers travel to Vernon, while the V's meet the Elks in Kamloops.

Elks jump out of basement spot by squeaking past Packers 6-5 in clean game

(Special to The Courier)

KAMLOOPS—The battle for third place in the O.S.A.H.L. continued in grand style here Tuesday night with Ken Ulliyot's Kamloops Elks squeaking past Kelowna Packers, 6-5, in a fast-skating, crowd-pleasing duel.

Elk's victory moved them out of the basement position and one point up on Phil Hergeshimer's Packers.

The game started out fast and furious with defenceman Don Johnson drawing first blood for Packers at 9:46 with a drive from just inside the blue line. Jim Fleming tied the score a minute later but Johnston came back to ram in another marker from the same spot.

Kamloops came roaring back with Gunnar Carlson slapping in two neat goals within the space of a minute to make the score 3-2 at the period end. Both clubs kept up the pace in the second period but goalies Hal Gordon for Elks and Bob Taylor for Packers, kept things pretty well under control.

The only slip was made by Gordon at 17:24 when Kelowna coach Phil Hergeshimer rifled the rubber through a chink in Hal's armor.

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Minor hockey roundup

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
Firemen 4, Black Bombers 0
Firemen blasted Bombers 4-0 Sunday at the Arena in the first of two Commercial League games after turning on the power in the second and third frames.

Schneider gave the smoke-eaters their first tally on an assist from Blake, which Benzer followed up with a second goal at the 19-minute mark.

Lucknowsky banged in the third counter and Benzer made it four at 19:46 of the final frame.

Rocket drew a ten-minute misconduct after arguing with officials over a two-minute high-sticking penalty in the third period, and James was benched earlier in the first frame for tripping penalty. Officials were Johnny Culos and Al Schaefer.

Rutland 4, Juniors 2
Juniors went down to a 4-2 defeat at the hands of the Rutland team Sunday in a rough game that saw 11 penalties handed out by ice officials.

A scoreless start in the first frame was broken midway through the second stanza when Schaefer, on an assist from Brydon, fired one past Rutland's netminder Biechel at 3:50. Rutland replied with two counters in the second frame, followed it up with another double in the final period, with Brydon making it two for the losing team.

PEE-WEE LEAGUE
Oilers 4, Hornets 1
Shafer picked up two goals for Oilers, with teammates Gruber and Thomas adding a single each. Cully was the lone Hornet to blink the light at the Oilier net Sunday.

Bears 3, Barons 1
A double from Arrance and a single by Kornalewski Saturday night gave Bears this one, while Barons Thomas potted the lone marker for the losers unassisted.

BANTAM LEAGUE
Canadians 4, Canucks 3
A hat-trick for Owens Saturday and a single for Boychuk gave Canadians the edge here, with Scoulan contributing a double and Tompson a single for Canucks... four penalties in the final frame, one a four-minute to Tompson for slashing and charging.

Bruins 3, Redwings 1
Gilland, Sargent and Greenaway were the big guns for Bruins with singles each, while Hardwick added a single for Redwings.

Black Hawks 3, Royals 0
The Hawks blanked Royals on goals by Shussel, Mitchell and Turner... one penalty to Tomkins.

Maple Leafs 5, Rangers 0
The Leafs flattened Rangers with a hat-trick by Gritter and singles by Dodd and Loudon... three penalties in the first frame.

MIDGET LEAGUE
Grizzlies 3, Beavers 0
Parrish, Loyst and Atkins helped down Beavers Friday with singles... one penalty to Luknowsky.

Elks 3, Tigers 1
A double by Senger and single by Stone last Wednesday—all in the final frame... was replied to only once by Tigers' Krausman.

PUPS LEAGUE
Vics 4, Aces 0
Aces failed to live up to their name December 14 when they were blanked on singles by Lewis, Cowley, James and Lewis in a penalty-free game.

Five curling draws complete in zone finals

Five draws have been held by the Kelowna Curling Club to decide winners in this zone who will later meet other British Columbia finalists in playoffs for the national brier games.

Brownlee defeated Dolsen 9-6 last Saturday, while in Sunday play at 1:30 p.m., Glen defeated Brownlee 8-6 and Cowley defeated Dolsen 12-6.

In a 7:00 p.m. Sunday draw, Glen was beaten 10-8 by Dolsen, while Brownlee registered a 10-7 victory over Cowley.

BOXING DAY HOCKEY

MEMORIAL ARENA

Game Time 2:30 p.m.

Penticton V's

vs.

Kelowna Packers

15 FIFTEEN POUND HAMS

Donated by Sutton's Meat Market being given away to lucky programme holders.

Tickets on sale Thursday for this game. Join the gay, holiday crowds for this big afternoon game.

Sports Parade

By Ron Baird

"I got 22 years old," said friendly, voluble PAUL BRILLANT, Rimouski's Gallic gift to Kelowna hockey circles.

"And I got bad eyesight," said a rather near-sighted individual, who shall hereafter be referred to as Ron Baird.

Which goes to prove that it helps occasionally for sports writers to pay a visit to the oculist.

A roundabout way of introducing this column, I'll admit, but my eyesight had quite some bearing in the brief but enjoyable conversation I had with Paul the other evening.

Seems brother Brilliant did a bit of a job over Vernon way Saturday night, when Herg's local powerhouse ground Canadians into the ice cubes 7-5, and turned in a hat-trick, something that hockey players regard as slightly more valuable on the record than a date with Marilyn Monroe.

"Wot de maitaire weeth you, eh?" said Paul. "I get de hat-trick but is not in de papaire."

It was, but the print was small and the event was rather large—certainly as far as the Rimouski Rocket was concerned.

Seems like the family back home would have regarded this bit of news as a welcome Christmas present.

CAPTURES FEMALE HEARTS

I hope the Brillants—of which there appear to be plenty—are happy that we corrected this, over-sight.

Paul, who came here a few short months ago without more than a smattering of the English language, is now a leading man in local female teen-age hearts, is fast becoming a valuable bit of property in the minds of Packer fans, and appears to have picked up an adequate command of the English language. Certainly his eyesight is better than mine and his ability to read the fine print unassailable.

He started playing hockey seriously about six years ago, was with Trois Rivieres of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association and is in the west for the first time.

Brother PIERRE is with the New Westminster Royals—his first time west also—and there are three other Brilliant brothers, 13-year-old ROGER, who is building a hockey career already; PHIL, another hockey player, and BERNARD, RCAF vet who has given it up now.

Which all goes to show that I should have seen an oculist earlier along in my newspaper career.

To the Brillants of Rimouski, my apologies.

ACTIVE SHUTTLE CLUB

My eyesight, however, was fully unimpaired last Friday night when I happened to find myself in the vicinity of the Kelowna Badminton Club, proud owners of as fine and handsome a building as one would find anywhere.

President CHES LARSON chatted amiably about the progress of the club and, as a brilliant climax to my first visit there, asked me to perform the rather nerve-shattering job of pulling the winning ticket in the club draw.

A deathly silence followed when it was discovered that the holder of the winning ticket was not among those present and I felt responsible for dashing the hopes of a rather keen-looking squad of athletes.

Lastly, in the sporting line this week, there comes to hand an item from the Toronto Globe and Mail in which is stated that SARNIA SAILORS withdrew from the OHA "mostly because of poor attendance at home games... the team was reported to have gone \$8,000 in debt."

A rather extraordinary thing considering that Sarnia has more than twice the population of Kelowna and, consequently, a much larger field from which to draw supporters.

The club cited five reasons for its withdrawal:

Poor attendance; excessive cost of operation; failure of the OHA to protect the club from the raiding of players by the International League; reluctance of city employers to hire hockey players and general apathy of the public.

Let's hope that sort of thing doesn't happen here.

Merry Christmas, sports fans.

That's "30" for now.

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Boucherie Mountain watches over Westbank and sees a growing community below... Sixth Avenue, Thacker Drive, Canyon Road, Main Street, homes and orchards presenting a pretty picture. Astride Highway 97, Westbank is a witness to steadily growing traffic, which will be tripled, if and when, a bridge spans Okanagan Lake. A huge expanse of land awaits development in this area, indeed it is already going ahead, symbolic of the rich central Okanagan potential. The following appreciative Westbank merchants wish you "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

May each of your Christmas dreams come true!

GROWERS, BUSINESS ASSOCIATES and FRIENDS in WESTBANK and DISTRICT, and THROUGHOUT the OKANAGAN VALLEY.

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To all our friends in Westbank...

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Phone 5731

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THANK YOU for your patronage Westbank!

May this Christmas 1953, be a Happy One for you.

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Once a year, we have the opportunity of wishing you, our Westbank friends, a MERRY CHRISTMAS.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Okan. Centre hall association elects officers

OKANAGAN CENTRE—At the annual meeting of the Community Hall Association held recently Mr. Gable was returned as president. Mrs. Wentworth, feeling unable to take on the duties of secretary,

treasurer again, refused to stand. Mrs. Hunter was elected, with Mrs. Baker as assistant, who will undertake to make bookings for the hall.

The treasurer's report showed a satisfactory balance.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art at New York has a collection of 4,000 musical instruments.

r.p.m.'s column

Joilings

About the time you accumulate enough baubles and strings of lights for a really impressive Christmas tree, the children all marry and move away.

r.p.m.

Winter must be here. Water skiing has given way to the snow variety in the news reels at the movies.

r.p.m.

I got by Father's Day and a wedding anniversary safely enough, but every time I walk up Bernard and see one of those fancy waistcoats in a window, I am reminded that the family can still afflict one upon me for Christmas!

r.p.m.

Knowing I was struggling for an idea for a Christmas editorial, Minnie the steno commented: "Next year, write it on December 28 of last year." And maybe, she has something!

r.p.m.

And to think they had to wrap Christmas presents before the invention of cellulose tape!

r.p.m.

It's Christmas, men! Get out your goodwill—polish up your generosity—hurry your heart-beats—warm your faith—stir up your tenderest emotions—save your secrets—stand fast for surprises—get out your red ink—away with the blues—where are your gayest greens?—Come on, be cheerful—It's Christmas!

r.p.m.

I like the orderly man, who has a place for everything and puts everything in its place. A little time in putting things away when you have done with them, may save a great deal of time in hunting for them when you need them. All that is so, so true. The only trouble is that when you put the things away you must remember where you put them! It's surprising how a letter can get lost in a filing cabinet. And, despite all the above, it is a funny thing but I do not have any trouble finding things on my desk usually. But let me clean it up and I'm looking madly for things for the next week.

r.p.m.

I hate to say it just because it sounds so mean and shocking; But Nature beat you, Santa Claus in filling Peggy's stocking.

r.p.m.

I like Christmas when it falls on Friday. It's not too early in the week and yet it is not too late. It gives a week-end to put up the tree and the other decorations and yet have them up in lots of time. It also gives a week-end a few days ahead of time to catch up on the odd jobs that have to be done. And are left undone until the last possible minute. It also gives a week-end far enough in advance and yet close enough to sit down quietly—reasonably so—and discuss those presents which are still unpurchased and those cards which, much to the disgust of the post office department, are still unsent. Yes, Friday is a good day for Christmas. In

addition to the other good points, it provides a three-day break which enables more people to get home and, after all, getting home is a major part of Christmas. The argument in support of Christmas on Friday could go on indefinitely. I do not suppose we'll ever have Christmas on a fixed day but if it should come about, I'll pull that day selected to be Friday.

r.p.m.

Yet have I bought a gift the Child may not desire, however small; for here I lay my heart toward it and it is full of love to all. —Eugene Field.

r.p.m.

During the past week we have been pestered to death by reminders that there were only so many days left to shop before Christmas. As if we didn't know! The inference in these reminders is that if we don't hurry like billy-be-damned Uncle Ben won't get his bathrobe or Aunt Amanda her hand-painted picture-frame. If we give bathrobes and picture frames.

There is, of course, much to be said for early Christmas shopping—smaller crowds, less pushing and shoving, a better selection of goods, more prompt deliveries, all that sort of thing. People with orderly minds and painstaking ways (what fun they miss at Christmas!) have their cupboards full weeks ahead of time. One woman I know has her cards addressed and ready to mail in October, usually! These people have their gifts wrapped, addressed and decorated, and they are a bit inclined to look down their collective nose at common folks who day by day are reminded that time is marching on.

But it isn't always neglect of earlier opportunities, or lack of ready cash, that explains the late Christmas shopper. (Take me, for instance!) There are people, many people, who enjoy crowds, who relish the mounting excitement as December 25 looms up from the shrinking calendar, who find a pleasant thrill in the sort of festive atmosphere peculiar to the season.

So no need to shed tears for the lady who says she hasn't bought a thing yet but must get it first thing in the morning. That is the way she wants it, and she has fun.

r.p.m.

One nice thing about December 23 is that there is only one more day in which to be reminded that there are only so many more shopping days till Christmas.

r.p.m.

At that it is later than you think. Do you know you have only ONE more day to go?

r.p.m.

Dear Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Help me and all mankind to realize the need of peace in our hearts. Lead us to a brotherhood of love where we, through and with Thy Blessed Spirit, can give to our fellow man hope in place of despair, pardon in place of injury and love in place of hatred. Guide us to the realization that in giving we receive, in pardoning we are pardoned and in believing we are in one spirit. Help us in these troubled times to overcome our thwarted ways, our blundering steps and erring thoughts. Put your hand upon our troubled hearts and open our eyes, not to war, but to the Light and Peace of the World. Amen. —Bettie J. Gallagher in the Chicago Daily News.

r.p.m.

The part environment plays on one's thinking is well demonstrated by the fact that most of us who live in the northern hemisphere think of Christmas weather consisting of cold, crisp air and snow on the ground. Most of us think of that as customary in December. Yet, why should we presume to think there was snow and near zero temperatures in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve? There wasn't, of course. And of course, the birth of the Christ Child wasn't on December 25th, either, for that matter.

r.p.m.

It's the festive season. Let's keep it a happy one by avoiding accidents. The surest way to do this, of course, is to avoid mixing alcohol and motor cars.

r.p.m.

All of a sudden Christmas is here. And Christmas to itself is either in your own heart—or not.

r.p.m.

Never mind what all the other long-range weather prophets say: Misses January and February on our auto dealer's calendar not only think it will be a mild winter but have bet their shirts on it.

r.p.m.

One of the nice things about Christmas is hearing from old friends. A pleasant moment the other day when I received a card from Archie McKinnon of Victoria and his wife. Anything who has had anything to do with Regatta knows Archie, and Archie knows them. He wrote: "Please say



To all our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas!

BEST WISHES to everyone!
MAC'S Chimney Sweeping
Dial 2299

'Hello' to all the grand people up there. I'm still a real booster although I did miss last year's regatta. Fond memories of a grand spot and people. Sincerely Archie.

r.p.m.

It seems to me that the Christmas music has been in greater volume and of better quality this year. Anyway I haven't shuddered a dozen times a day, as last year, when I was forced to hear "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." Any Christmas season in which one does not have to listen to one of those musical monstrosities such as a song like ISMKSC is a better Christmas season. Fortunately those songs live a very horrible but very short life.

Merchants use originality in decorations

The festive season is truly with us once again. From every shop window in town messages of good cheer catch the eye and at night the streets are a-twinkle with merry lights. Many of the messages, are admittedly, designed with a commercial appeal, but this does not make them any the less welcome.

Christmas trees are in full favor and there is scarcely a store that does not display one either inside or out, festooned with colored lights and tinsel.

The colorful Santa Claus and his reindeer on the roof of the City Hall, has been acclaimed as one of the outstanding decorations in the interior. Lighting is particularly effective, and the display is somewhat fascinating to watch. The other two Christmas trees erected by the city (one at the foot of Bernard Avenue and the other on Pendol and Queensway) are also very attractive.

"WHITE CHRISTMAS"

Although snow has been conspicuous by its absence, the motif of a "White Christmas" is strongly represented. Cotton wool has come into its own again. Strongly favored in yule decorations is Santa Claus. This honorable gentleman is almost as ubiquitous as the Christmas tree and many stores devote their window space to his favorite commodity—toys. Electric trains take up a large proportion of this space and many a young nose has suffered the threat of permanent dislocation through its owner's effort to get as close a look as possible.

Fashion stores show originality in their window presentation and one display catches the eye with its simple but most effective white painted branches with attached colored globes.

LITTLE PRACTICE

Bob Goldham, Detroit's veteran 31-year-old defenceman, seldom practices with his teammates. He looks so many minutes in a game (between 28 and 34 of the 60) that the Red Wing management believes it best that he conserve his energy as much as possible.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

May you enjoy a rich bounty of Christmas spirit, joy, gladness and happiness!

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HI-WAY SERVICE STATION

1085 Bernard Avenue

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year

SUN LIFE OF CANADA

Unit Managers: J. J. CAPOZZI

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Eight-year-old asks:

Is there a Santa?

Dear Editor,—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth.

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.

The most widely read editorial ever written was in answer to this letter. It appeared in the New York Sun fifty-six years ago and has been reprinted by that paper every Christmas since then. Quoted thousands of times, it has been translated into a score of languages.

Francis Pharcellus Church, the newspaper man who was assigned the task of replying to Virginia at first disdained it as one unworthy of his ability. Later he realized that he had a real opportunity and wrote these words that have warmed the hearts of millions of readers:

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect.

As compared with the boundless worlds about him, As measured by the intelligence of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas, how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus!

It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies!

You might get your Daddy to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down.

What would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see.

Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there.

Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil cover-

ering the unseen worlds which not the strongest man that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus!

Thank God! he lives, and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Homewood gets letter from prime minister

Among the numerous letters and birthday cards received by A. E. Homewood, of Rutland, was one from Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent.

The prime minister congratulated Mr. Homewood on his 83rd birthday. The Rutland pioneer celebrated the event last Thursday.

NOEL

GREETINGS TO ALL!

The merriest of Merry Christmases to our many loyal customers!

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Season's Greetings

Bert and Ed extend to their many friends... CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS GREETINGS!

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May the music of the bells bring harmony to your home at Christmas!

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MERRY CHRISTMAS to each of our many friends

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1953 marks the 39th Christmas we have had the pleasure of wishing

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JUNIOR

1st Gail Elizabeth Laitner—Stanley Memorial High School, Castlegar, B.C.

2nd Ann Shirley Archibald—Copper Mountain School, Copper Mountain, B.C.

3rd Dennis Gurney—Kamloops Junior Senior High School, Kamloops, B.C.

ZONE 2

SENIOR

1st Charmling Elizabeth Westphal—Delta Junior Senior High School, Ladner, B.C.

2nd Diana A. Valpalus—Delta Junior Senior High School, Ladner, B.C.

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2nd Valeria Anne Carnerassa—Abbotsford Junior High School, Abbotsford, B.C.

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1st Robert Earl Johannes—Lord Byng High School, Vancouver, B.C.

2nd Wendy Elizabeth Bain—Gretna House School, Vancouver, B.C.

3rd Margaret Louise Hawthorn—Lord Byng High School, Vancouver, B.C.

JUNIOR

1st Pamela Ann Muir—Point Grey Junior High School, Vancouver, B.C.

2nd Ralph L. McKeon—University Hill School, Vancouver, B.C.

3rd Ronald Milne Lee—University Hill School, Vancouver, B.C.

ZONE 4

SENIOR

1st Arthur Tamm—Elphinstone Junior Senior High School, Gibsons, B.C.

2nd Gail Ellen Beach—Cooma Lake High School, New Westminster, B.C.

3rd Barbra Agnes Dyer—McBride Junior Senior High School, McBride, B.C.

JUNIOR

1st Patrick John Coffey—Cooma Lake High School, New Westminster, B.C.

2nd Laila E. O'Lannich—McBride Junior Senior High School, McBride, B.C.

3rd Annette Jay Low—Cooma Lake Junior Senior High School, New Westminster, B.C.

ZONE 5

SENIOR

1st William John Moore—Courtenay High School, Courtenay, B.C.

2nd Frances Margaret Munro—Courtenay High School, Courtenay, B.C.

3rd Carol A. J. Larsen—Esquimalt High School, Victoria, B.C.

JUNIOR

1st Robert Ellis Smith—Central Junior High School, Victoria, B.C.

2nd Janis Frances Harlow—Central Junior High School, Victoria, B.C.

3rd Laraine Gail Woodrow—Tadousac Junior Senior High School, Courtenay, B.C.

To all principals and teachers who so generously co-operated in this annual contest, the Pulp and Paper Industry extends its sincere thanks. Hasteys were of a noticeably improved standard, making it necessary for Judges Howard T. Mitchell, Dean G. S. Allen and D. W. Campbell to deliberate for a much longer period than judges of previous years.

CHURCH SERVICES

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7:30 p.m.—
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SUNDAY, DEC. 27th
Bible School at 9:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.—
"THE REASON FOR OUR SALVATION"

7:15 p.m.—More Carols

7:30 p.m.—
"WHAT'S AFTER CHRISTMAS"

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th

9:45 a.m.—
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11:00 a.m.—
Morning Worship

7:30 p.m.—
Gospel Service

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DECEMBER 25th
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11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th
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Morning Service 11:00 a.m.

Gospel Service 7:15 p.m.

WEEK-NIGHT SERVICES
Keep the evening of December 31st free to attend the annual Watch Night service at the Mission.

SEASON'S GREETINGS to all our radio listeners, Mission adherents and personal friends. Mr. Bayley and the children join me in wishing you God's best for the Christmas season and the New Year. Thank you for your many kindnesses during the year.
CHARLES E. BAYLEY.

First Lutheran Church
Corner of Richter and Doyle

DECEMBER 24th
8:00 p.m.—Children's Service

DECEMBER 25th
9:30 a.m.—German Service with Holy Communion

11:15 a.m.—English Services with Holy Communion

DECEMBER 27th
Vicar A. Rakow will preach

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—German Services

11:15 a.m.—English Services

A Cordial Invitation to All
REV. W. WACHLIN

Head injury is the commonest single cause of death in traffic accidents.

NO PATTERN
A good scorer in the National Hockey League—a player who notches 20 or more goals in a season—uses about 15 different ways to tally them, according to Boston Bruins' Johnny Petrosen.

There are almost five acres of forest land in the United States for each man, woman and child.

Top speed for the giant tortoises of the Galapagos Islands is around 360 yards an hour.

Gleaming threads of Christmas tapestry; "The Queen's Journey" title of round-world Christmas broadcast

by CECIL HUNT

For most of us, the joy of Christmas is its well-loved familiarity; all its rites and rejoicings are old friends. Yet some aspects of the festival are now overlooked, and some of the once charming customs could be easily and happily recalled.

Living in the lee of an ancient country church, I think, for instance how happy and reminding it would be to revive the custom, once prevalent in rural England, of ringing a muffled peal in mourning for the babies slain by King Herod, followed by a triumphant peal that clamors to announce Christ's birth. Or the beautiful rite, still followed in some parts of Ireland, of leaving the door open or ajar on Christmas Eve, and a candle burning in the window to be a light and welcome should the Son of Man choose that night for His return to earth.

BRING BACK THE YULE LOG?

We could bring back, too, even in the towns, the Yuletide log. Only in the country, perhaps, could it be large and dragged in with a merry maid bestirring it, whose health was toasted as the symbol of resurgent youth and the awakening of nature from the darkness of winter and the stultifying world. But in towns, some log could be pegged and if you would follow tradition, it should be kindled with a kept piece of the previous year's log. That was a symbol of continuity and once the log—ash, by traditional preference—was sprinkled with corn and cider; token of fertility and the abundance of the land.

Surely, as Washington Irving wrote: "Happiness is reflective, like the light of heaven," and who can wonder that those who once watched the Yule log, wished that it would burn all night—and saw that it did.

CHRISTMAS GREENERY

The Christmas tree is apt to be surrendered to foreign origin. Some credit Victoria's German consort, Albert, with its introduction; others link it with Charlotte, consort of George the Third, but Stow, the 16th century antiquarian, records in his great "Survey of London" that a tree was set up in the City of London in the 15th century, as a focus for the people's festivities. It was decked with evergreen oak and ivy; greenery that today is displaced by holly and mistletoe.

Holly, since the mists of mythology, has been revered, and the ancients recorded that it was planted near houses to ward off malevolent spirits. Indeed, witches were said to detest it, and one can believe that it would scarcely provide a happy landing.

Perhaps because of these pagan associations holly was once banned from churches; but gradually the thorns and the blood red berries and indeed the name, which can so easily become "holly," won its acceptance and Christmas decorations were lost much of its glory.

THOSE GHOSTLY BERRIES

Not so the mistletoe, with its strange growth, leaves and ghost-like berries. Here, one can understand the Druidic ritual reverence of the parasite that seemed to hang between earth and heaven and to look mystic in itself.

In Norse mythology it was a sprig of mistletoe that Hodur, the blind god, used to slay Baldr the Beautiful. And Freya, the Mother of Life, set it aside, suspended between heaven and earth. It figured in many early Druid rites, tossed from the tree into the spread robes of the Chief Druid and then divided among the worshippers.

But why the kissing rite? For those pedantic enough to demand a reason for the kissing, Freya ordained that the kiss of peace must be given under this plant, to make reparation for the woes released upon the world by Baldr's death.

RATIONED KISSING

See mistletoe by moonlight, set like a ghostly web in the stark trees and you will not be surprised by ancient wariness of it. See it in the home and you will wisely counter its bane by a warm kiss, and not, if you are sensible, limit yourself by the Elizabethan tradition that each kiss demands the plucking of a berry and when the last is plucked the spell is broken. No need to take rationing as far as that! Because, even today, Christmas can be a feasting.

The lovable Charles Lamb, surely welcome at any Christmas party, used to spill it plumply, saying, "I think it reads more fat and suety."

Even the richness of cake and pudding ingredients are seen by some as symbols of the rare gifts of the Wise Men. Some claim that the traditional mince-pie shape is a symbol of the manger bed. But you can enjoy their richness without subscribing to this belief. I remember once asking a noted churchman if his brother, of whom he was speaking, was also a priest. "No," he said, "the only piety he ever

showed was mince piety!"

HOW NATURE TOOK PART

But piety is no bad foundation for innocent mirth and the veneration once surrounding Christmas day was all-embracing. On the Eve, tradition claimed, the cocks crew all night to banish evil spirits, the bees sang in their hives and the very cattle knelt in their stalls. As might be expected, St. Francis, whose love embraced all creatures and the very elements of earth, instituted and blessed the customs of giving extra food to all creatures on that day, and a sheaf of corn was hung in the byres and stables. It might serve to remind us of our dependence upon all life if we recalled the custom today.

There is a reasonable tradition behind every small aspect of the Christmas festivities. Even the paper caps and charades remind us that the Lord of Misrule once reigned at pagan winter festival and still leaves his mark upon the Christmas mummings and dancers who have traditional outings in many parts today, often performing in the snow.

'Arrowhead' loaded with breathtaking action and thrills

Out of the rip-roaring pages of American frontier history has come Paramount's action-packed, Technicolor Western drama, "Arrowhead," which plays at the Paramount Friday and Saturday this week.

Dealing with the bloody battles that raged on the Southwestern plains between U.S. Cavalry and the treacherous Apache Indians during the 1870's, "Arrowhead" stars Charlton Heston with Jack Palance and Katy Jurado.

Heston, in a role that fits his in his great Indian scout attached to the Cavalry. He bears an almost maniacal hatred for the Indians, by whom he was raised as a captive after the murder of his parents. Against his advice, the Army tries to make peace with the marauding Apaches only to be caught in a series of ambushes organized by Toriano, as played by Jack Palance, an educated Indian with an equally fanatic hatred of the white men.

The excitement-loaded film follows the Army's ill-starred efforts to effect the peaceful capitulation of the Indians, who surrender eventually, but only after the myth of Toriano's invincibility has been shown up in a brutal hand-to-hand combat with Heston. However, before this last bloody battle, warfare both secret and open is waged, with Heston and Palance matching wit for wit and muscle for muscle to the conclusive end.

Heston and Palance are strong and fierce in the central roles, giving the conflict the needed weight and classic inevitability. Katy Jurado is perfect as a half-breed who lives at the fort, posing as a laundress to get information on the Army's plans for her Apache cousin.

The large supporting cast, including Mary Sinclair and Brian Keith, all turn in top notch performances.

Written for the screen from a novel by W. R. Burnett and directed by Charles Marquis Warren, "Arrowhead" moves along at a mile-a-minute pace, with turbulent action erupting every inch of the way. As produced by Nat Holt, now an old hand at injecting the utmost in entertainment value into outdoor historical adventure, "Arrowhead" emerges as superior film fare that should be seen and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Duel in sea is tops for action

Richard Todd engages fellow British actor Michael Gough in a duel in the sea in Walt Disney's live-action feature "The Sword and the Rose," which for sheer excitement makes other screen fights look a little tame. Filmed in England and distributed by RKO Radio Pictures, this Technicolor production co-stars Todd and Glynis Johns, a new romantic team, in a new romantic team.

Parliament Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. There is a special matinee on Wednesday.

Prior to actual filming, Todd and Gough had several months' training from fencing expert Rupert Evans. Their duel is the thrilling climax of the historical romance based on Charles Major's classic novel "When Knighthood Was In Flower."

Although it can be argued that it is impossible to fence in the sea, there was nothing phony about the strenuous duel in 4½ feet of water between Todd, who portrays Charles Brandon, and Michael Gough, the Duke of Buckingham. Several times during the filming of the scene both actors had to be brought out of the water for rest and repair to their costumes and make-up.

The cause for all the frays was Princess Mary Tudor, sister of King Henry VIII, portrayed by petite Glynis Johns.



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The feature program which precedes the Queen's talk with her subjects throughout the world will be the joint responsibility of the broadcasting services of New Zealand, Australia and Britain and will be produced in Sydney, Australia. The radio journey across the world and back will include visits for messages and word pictures to Canada, the West Indies, Fiji, Tonga (where the greeting will come from Queen Salote), New Zealand, Australia, Borneo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Pakistan, India, Ceylon, the Cocos Islands, Mauritius, the Union of Shadista and Nyasaland, Kenya, Uganda and so, along the Royal route, back to Britain, where the broadcast of the Queen will be introduced. When Her Majesty speaks from Auckland, it will be 2100 hours New Zealand time. This is 9 a.m. London time and the Royal message will be recorded in London and broadcast in Britain and throughout the world at the traditional time of 3 p.m. London time—when on previous Christmases, the Queen's father and grandfather have spoken to their people gathered at parties in their homes.

Members of the B.B.C. team who are in Australasia to arrange the broadcasts include Laurence Gilliam, co-producer of the programme with Neil Hutchison of the A.B.C., Alan Burgess who, with Mungo MacCallum and John Thompson of House, Auckland, New Zealand, where the Queen will be with the Duke of Edinburgh in the course of their Commonwealth tour.

WHY PAGAN RITES SURVIVE

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One of the gleaming threads is the lovely but little known custom of Glastonbury, the ancient river-gift Somerset town, once called the

Isle of Avalon. Most people have heard of the Holy Thorn, which never fails to blossom at Christmas. Tradition says the tree descends from the bush that sprang from the thorn planted on Weary-Ail Hill when he landed at Glastonbury from the Holy Land. Few outside the West Country know that for centuries, every Christmas, the Vicar and the Mayor have sent to the reigning monarch a sprig of its blossom. Think, when you are enjoying the heart of Christmas, of this tender symbol, from humble citizen to our Gracious Queen. At the season of Glad Tidings all should be one, and in its blossom is the sure promise of spring.

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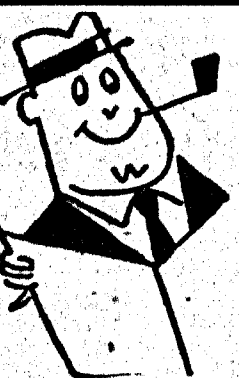
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Courier Calendar of Events

This column is published by The Courier, as a service to the community, in an effort to eliminate overlapping of meeting dates.

Thursday, December 24
Lions, Royal Anne, 8.00 p.m.
Saturday, December 26
OSHL Pentlton at Kelowna, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 30
OSHL Vernon at Kelowna, 8.00 p.m.
Thursday, December 31
R.N.A.B.C. New Year's Eve Ball, Royal Anne Hotel.
Monday, January 4
Board of Trade dinner meeting, Royal Anne Hotel. Guest speaker, Premier Bennett. Kelowna Cancer Society, Health Unit Building, 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 5
OSHL Kamloops at Kelowna, 8.00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 13
Rutland Board of Trade annual meeting, 8.30 p.m. Rutland Community Hall.
Thursday, January 14
OSHL Spokane at Kelowna, 8.00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 19
OSHL Pentlton at Kelowna, 8.00 p.m.
January 19-20-21
BCFAA convention, Pentlton.
Saturday, January 2
OSHL Pentlton at Kelowna, 8.00 p.m.
Friday, January 21
Third annual Burns Night Supper, A.O.T.S. Men's Club, United Church hall, Friday, January 21, 8.00 p.m.
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OWLVILLE SPORTS

Think it would pay BOB HALL and MISS LEASK, coaches of Owlville's boys' and girls' "A" hoop teams respectively, to "shine up" their wares a little. That is as far as free shots and plays are concerned. In fact we would see a better brand of high school basketball if all the teams in the valley got down to "brass tactics" regarding the way they handle their plays and free shots. Free shots in the last few minutes of play have been the deciding factor in many a game played in Kelowna High this season.

Think Pentlton and Kamloops handle their plays and free shots better than the other teams in the league. For example, when Golden Owls took on Red Devils from Kamloops in a league game played in Kelowna High gym Nov. 27, Red Devils defeated Owls 38-29. Cagers from Kamloops High netted a total of nine out of 15 of free shots awarded them.

While Owls only managed to make nine of their 22 free shots count, this means that Kelowna missed 13 of their free shots, while Kamloops missed only six.

Now, had Golden Owls been able to pot nine of the 13 free shots they missed, they would have tied Red Devils. The latter isn't meant to be an "if," it's just meant to show how important free shots are, that is if you make them count.

I'm not trying to say that free shots are the most important factor in pulling off a cage victory, but they do help. Plays are important in any hoop game, if you can't work your plays properly then you're going to be on the losing end anyway, and free shots aren't likely to help you too much. Team spirit and co-operation among the players is another important factor in a game. In fact I'd stick my neck out to state that it is "the" important factor in winning a game.

CURLING RESULTS
Scores are not available for Kelowna High School curling draws runoff on Dec. 12, but here are the results: dePuyffer defeated Folk, Clark defeated Gaddes, Minette defeated Wilcox. Fry defeated Dell Carter defeated Jackson, Brockman defeated Rankin, Gregory defeated Clark, Serwa defeated Pollard.

The following are the resulting scores of the draws last Saturday, Dec. 19: Brockman walloped Pollard 14-3; Minette set back Rankin 9-7; Fry walked over Claggett 8-5; Serwa edged out Jackson 9-7; Wilcox defeated Gregory 9-3; dePuyffer trounced Dell to the tune of 12-2. Carter won over Gregory 9-6.

DIG THAT CRAZY LOCATION
Think we should approach the City Council on the idea of erecting signs to signify the location of Owlville. It seems that Ron Baird, new sports editor for The Courier is a little mixed up as to where to look for Owlville. While hunting Saturday, Ron asked his companion the whereabouts of Owlville. "Is it a district?" questioned Ron. "I've heard a lot about Owlville since coming to Kelowna, and I never have been able to find out where it is situated," maybe it's a subliminal vision. If you'll just point out the direction in which it can be found I'd be only too happy to follow the lead from there.

Yes, I think the City Council should be held responsible for that little misunderstanding over the site of Owlville, more popularly known as Kelowna High School. Fact is that Ron's companion, who has lived here for a number of years, didn't have a "clue" as to where Owlville could be found.

INCIDENTALS
Heard that the coach of the Vernon High boys' "A" team threatened to put the "B" team in the "A" league in place of the present team if the Stars lost against Kelowna High Golden Owls. Should see Vernon High boys' "B" team playing against Kelowna's "A" team in the next encounter between the two squads. Kelowna High athletic activities are at a standstill now that the members of Owlville are at present indulged in the ever-popular Christmas Holidays. But this shouldn't stop the track and field enthusiasts from getting out and training for the coming season. The track and field club, under the able coaching of JOHN GOWANS, will be put under constant training as soon as everyone is called back to the halls of Kelowna High at the close of the holidays.

Since this column is about sport, I'd like to mention that Kelowna High School is about to lose a good one, in the person of DOUG BURNETT. Doug is going to enter the RCAF. In fact, Doug is in the air force. He leaves for St. John, New Brunswick, on the same day that the rest of us trek back to our classrooms. Doug, who turned out for badminton and volleyball, is going in for ground crew. Know that all the members of Kelowna High are with me when I wish him success in his future endeavors with the air force.

CALLIN' THE SHOTS
BARRY SNEETH, who plays on the Orlers' basketball squad, is back at school for grade 12, so we should see him in the "Black and Gold" uniform after the holidays. Kelowna High cagers are idle until Jan. 8, when they take on the hoopers from Princeton High in an exhibition fixture, to be staged in the Harvey Avenue arena of fine arts gymnasium.

GIFT SUGGESTION
Maybe someone should contact "Friend Fred" and ask her to tell Santa that the kids from Kelowna High, who are at present on their holidays, request a little snow for Christmas.

BOB HALL, MISS LEASK, JOHN GOWANS and ROSS HENDERSON all want winning teams this coming year, so how about stuffing a few championships in the pack Santa. BARBARA HERGET, SHEENA CLARKSON and ED LANSLOWNE were skiing on Sunday but think that with a little more snow the going would improve. So don't forget those white flakes, as we're all set for a real "Cool Yule" during our holidays. But even if it doesn't snow for Christmas, we'll probably see you up at the Ski Bowl this weekend. So tidings for now, Hep Cats, and here's for a COOL YULE AND A FRANTIC FIGHT.

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Holly and Mistletoe

Without holly and mistletoe for decorations Christmas would not seem to be Christmas in England, and the custom has found its way to this city, far removed from the habitat of its origin.

The holly, with its dark green glossy foliage and brilliant scarlet berries is ideal for decorative purposes, either in the home or church and it is cultivated extensively in England for a Christmas foliage crop.

The use of holly at the Yuletide season ante-dates Christianity. It is generally thought to be the survival of an old Teutonic practice of hanging evergreens in the dwelling as a refuge from the spirits of the woods during inclement weather. Decorating temples and homes with evergreens was also a feature of the Roman "Saturnalia."

There were many strange local beliefs and superstitions in connection with the Christmas holly branches. In Worcester and Herefordshire a twig of holly that has been used in the decoration of the

parish church is eagerly sought for, and if acquired, is credited with carrying good luck with it. Another strange belief is that a twig of Christmas holly from a church hung over a door is a protection against lightning.

One of the strangest peculiarities of the holly, on authentic evidence, is that the tree changes sex with age, being practically male when young and female when old.

While holly has always had some sacred significance attached to it in both Heathen and Christian times, mistletoe, the sacred plant of the Druids, has become separated from the church but not from the home. How it came to figure in Christmas festivities is a mystery. The shrub is a parasite of both deciduous and evergreen trees in the temperate zone. Its favorite host is the apple tree, and it is rarely found on an oak.

An oak-bearing mistletoe became an object of veneration to the Druids, and the cutting of the mistletoe with a golden knife by the Arch-Druid was an important episode in the great annual ceremonial feast, which, according to Pliny, Caesar and others, who have left some accounts of the early Celtic religion, terminated with an orgy of unbounded merriment. The right to steal a kiss under the mistletoe is quite evidently a survival of the Druid carnival. The religion of the Druids, and all their practices, were very much under the ban of the early church, but customs die hard. Few of those who, in the city, decorate their homes this Christmas with holly and mistletoe, will appreciate the fact that they are affording a shelter for the wood spirits or celebrating the virtues of the Druid's golden bough, by whose virtue Aeneas passed unscathed through all the terrors of the infernal regions.

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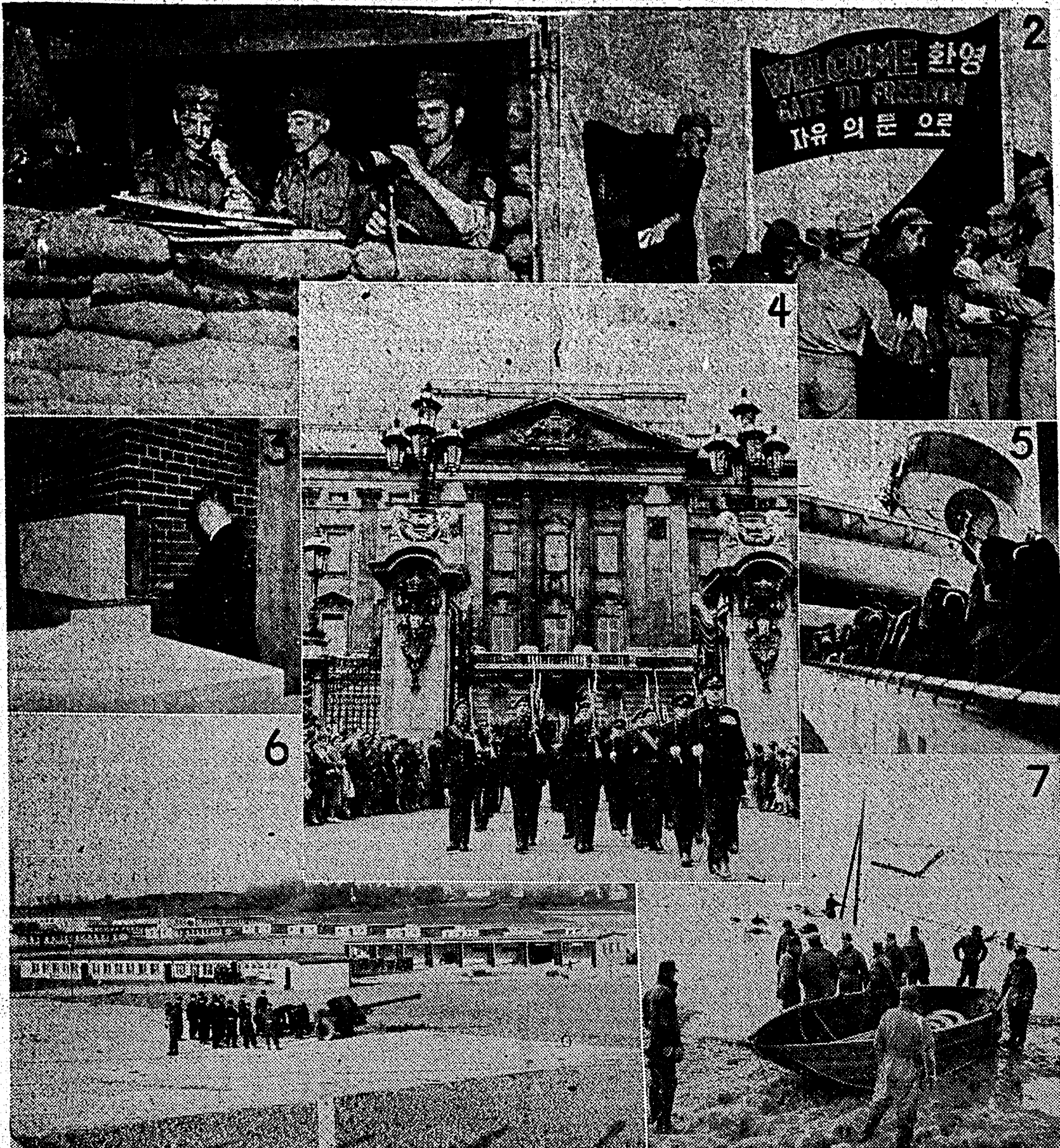
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Canadians around the world can look back on 1953 and be proud of the many achievements of their army. New camps and depots, its role in peace and war, aid to the civil powers, the high standard of its trained soldiers, along with many other achievements have earned for Canada and Canadians the respect of all nations for her military power. Some of the highlights of the year are pictured above:

1. KOREA—The cease-fire in Korea was welcomed by all Canadians. Many had paid the supreme sacrifice, many had been maimed but the job had been done. Then came the period of watching. The job of constantly watching along the line of demilitarization finds Canada's 25th Infantry Brigade on guard.

2. Shortly after the cease-fire our Canadian soldiers, held prisoner by the enemy, were released to return to freedom and home. Thousands of United Nations soldiers passed through Freedom Village, 32 of them were Canadians.

3. In Canada two major projects have been underway in 1953. The opening of the new \$15,000,000 Ordnance Depot at Cobourg, Ont., and the start on the construction of Camp Gagetown in New Brunswick which is to be the home of the 1st Canadian Division, marked great progress in Canada's growing army.

4. The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II saw Canadian soldiers standing guard at Buckingham Palace. Canada can well be proud of the army contingent that represented her on this great occasion.

5. During 1953 many soldiers left Canada for foreign service and many thousands returned after having completed their tour of duty. The movement of these soldiers, to and from Canada, across two oceans was one of the major jobs of the army in 1953.

6. Canada's 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade has moved into a new home in Germany. The military camp at Soest, Germany, offers luxurious living to the members of the brigade and the opening of the camp marked another step forward for the Canadian army.

7. Working with the civil authorities the Canadian Army offered great assistance during the drastic floods in Holland in the Spring of 1953. The aid to the Civil Power offered by the 27th Brigade was greatly appreciated by the people of Holland and was reminiscent of 1945 when Canadians marched through Holland as a liberating army freeing them from the heel of Nazi Germany.

Santa Claus literally drops from ceiling at Peachland celebration

PEACHLAND—A very enthusiastic crowd of over 300 turned out at the Athletic Hall to see the elementary school children put on their annual Christmas concert and to welcome Santa Claus' helper on his yearly visit.

Miss Sinclair's pupils in Grades I and II played in Frosty the Snowman, The Princess in the Dell, Away in the Manger, and Miss Polly.

Miss Ede's pupils in Grade III and IV sang The Night Before Christmas and danced the French Minuet. Mr. Parker's pupils in Grades V and VI put on a pantomime and a square dance. The whole school then sang as a group all the old and popular carols.

Santa Claus chose a hole in the ceiling 20 feet above the crowd to make his dramatic appearance and after coming down via a ladder, he handed out bags of candies, etc., to all the children. The thanks of the whole community is extended to those that made this party such a success.

The turkey bingo held in the Peachland Legion Hall on Friday was a huge success. Over 20 turkeys were taken home by lucky winners.

The members of Branch 60, Canadian Legion, entertained the children on Saturday with a picture show, and a visit from Santa with gifts and refreshments for all.

Margaret Long who is teaching school at Prince George is home for Christmas.

Ken Moore, with the RCAF at his family.

Denver, Colorado, is home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Duquemin of Vancouver, are visiting relatives in the district.

Carl Culler of Lethbridge is home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Parker have left for Vancouver to spend Christmas.

Word has been received that Harry Birkeland was successful in the Scout and Cub leader exams.

Mrs. C. C. Helgeway would like to thank her friends in Westbank, Peachland and Summerland for the nice cards and flowers sent during her illness.

Friends of Mr. Surtees will be sorry to hear that he is now in Shaughnessy hospital.

The Baptist church Sunday school held their annual Christmas tree party on Friday with pictures and a sing-song. Bags of candies and refreshments were given to all.

The pre-Christmas draw of the Ladies' Curling Club was won by Mrs. G. Topham's rink. The rink is comprised of M. Topham skip, D. Flintoff third, B. Cousins and N. Kopp.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Witt left for Oakland, California, last week. They will return to Modesto, California, where they will be joined by Gail and Noel and spend Christmas with Mr. Witt's brother and family.

Season's Greetings . . .

to our many friends and customers.



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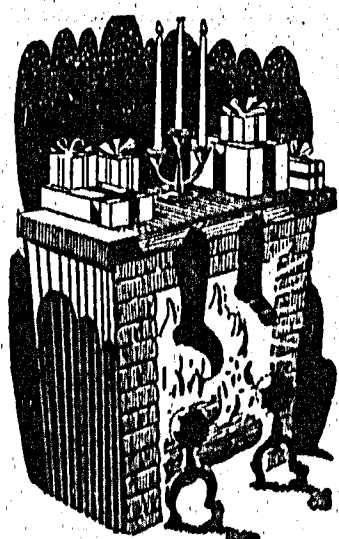
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And a Merry, Merry Christmas
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Santa Claus arrives for annual Christmas party at East Kelowna

EAST KELOWNA — Santa Claus arrived at the Community Hall on Thursday last with a huge bag of candy and nuts, an orange and a bottle of pop. A capacity crowd filled the hall, pre-school children in the district, which was gaily decorated for the occasion. The huge Christmas tree with its sparkling ornaments and glittering lights delighted the youngsters.

Films were shown during the evening, one of special interest being that of Santa Claus with his reindeer leaving the north. One featured Barbara Ann Scott, and was followed by another depicting the Three Bears, which brought roars of laughter from both children and adults.

John Kiene was excellent as Santa Claus and had a word for all the youngsters as he presented each one with a bag of candy and nuts, an orange and a bottle of pop. Several Christmas carols were sung by the audience, directed by W. Ratzlaff. The singing of the National Anthem brought a happy evening to a close.

The Christmas party is sponsored by the P.T.A. Average age of American mothers at the time of the birth of their first child is about 23 years.

The term "supersonic" refers to sound waves that are pitched so high we cannot hear them and to speeds higher than the speed of sound.



To all . . .

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CANADIAN LEGION



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VISITING PARENTS HERE AND IN PEACHLAND ... Mr. and Mrs. Donald Edwards, of Vancouver, are visiting their respective parents over the holidays; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Eddy, Peachland, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Edwards, Kelowna.

HOME FROM NORMAL ... Terry Elford and Bill Fisher both have arrived home from Normal School at Victoria and are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Elford and Mr. and Mrs. Fisher. Mr. Fisher is a member of the post office staff.

SPENDING HOLIDAYS HERE ... Mrs. Hilda Bicker and daughter Eleanor, of Vancouver, are spending the holiday season at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Fumerton, Vimy Avenue.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS ... Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bull, Okanagan Mission, are expecting their son "Tony" home from Vancouver for the Christmas week-end.

JOINING R.C.A.F. ... On Monday, December 22, Miss Margaret Kwasnica, Wilson Avenue, former staff member of the Bank of Commerce here, will leave for Medicine Hat, where she will join Miss Iona Schuster for the New Year's holiday at the home of the latter's parents. On January 3 Miss Kwasnica and Miss Schuster will travel east together to report for duty with the R.C.A.F.-W.D.

TO MEDICINE HAT ... Miss Enid Schuster, who has been transferred from the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce to the Medicine Hat branch, left last week with her sister, Miss Iona Schuster, for the prairie city, where they will spend the holidays with their parents.

AFTER FIVE PARTY ... Co-hosts in entertaining friends at a cocktail party at the Royal Anne Hotel Monday afternoon, were Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Elford, Mr. and Mrs. John Godfrey and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Capozzi.

CHRISTMAS VISITORS ... Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Idlins over Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott, and David, Penticton; Mr. and Mrs. E. Lane and family, of Armstrong, and Kenneth Idlins, who is at home for the holiday season from UBC.

FROM ROYAL COLUMBIAN ... Miss Mary Uyeyama, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Uyeyama, returned last week from the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, to spend Christmas with her parents.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ... Miss Sheila Moss who has been teaching near Cloverdale, is spending the holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. Moss, DeHart Ave.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME ... Miss Anne Henderson, who was teaching on Denman Island, Vancouver, has returned home for Christmas to the home of her mother, Mrs. J. Henderson, Ethel St.

VISITING FAMILY ... Mrs. D. G. Fraser, Pendero Manor, is spending the holiday season with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Proctor, Vancouver, and others of her family at the coast.

HOUSE GUESTS ... Mr. Charles Henderson, of Glenmore, will have as house guests over Christmas his daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and John McDonald of Vancouver.

FROM COLORADO ... L. A. C. Ken Moore arrived home last Sunday from Lory, A.F.B., in Denver, Colorado to spend Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Moore.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME ... Mr. and Mrs. Bill Spletzer, of Vancouver, are spending Christmas with Mr. Spletzer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Spletzer, Gutsenbach Road.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ... Miss Doris Kelley who is in her final year of pharmacy at the University of B.C., is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Kelly, Bankhead.

VISITOR ... Mr. J. O'Rourke, of Princeton, was a recent visitor in Kelowna.

FROM JASPER ... Mr. Kenneth McNoy, from Jasper, Alberta, recently visited with his parents on Patterson Ave.

FROM PRINCETON ... Miss R. Alexander, of Princeton, was visiting in Kelowna last week.

FROM YORK HOUSE ... Miss Barbara Ann Lander, of York House school, Vancouver, is spending the Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lander, Abbott St.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME ... Mr. Bruce Catchpole of the Bank of Montreal, staff, Saanich branch, is spending the Christmas season at the home of his parents, Archdeacon and Mrs. D. S. Catchpole, Sutherland Avenue.

TO MINNESOTA ... Mrs. Josephine Williams has left by plane to spend the Christmas holidays with her son and family in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

FROM SPOKANE ... Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Reinbold, of Spokane, Washington, are in Kelowna to spend the holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Steve Verry, Mr. and Mrs. Reinbold are staying at the Royal Anne Hotel.

FROM CACHE CREEK ... Mr. Alan Parke, of the Bonaparte Ranch, Cache Creek, will be spending New Year's as the guest of Mrs. T. McKim.

ANNUAL MEETING ... Mr. and Mrs. W. T. L. Roadhouse will return Thursday from Vancouver after attending the annual staff gathering of Pacific Mills Ltd., at which Mr. Roadhouse received his fifteen-year service pin.

Pennytop's Christmas penny

by VIOLET M. WILLIAMS

"Christmas is almost here again!" said Pip, cheerfully, as he hurried into the cottage he shared with his friend, Pennytop.

"I know it is," replied Pennytop, glumly. "It's all right for you. You have plenty of money for presents and things, and this year I am worse off than ever. I shan't have anything to spend on presents."

"And whose fault is that?" asked Pip severely. "You just call it ice-cream and lollipop, but it costs a lot of money. Then you wonder why you haven't any!"

Pennytop looked very ashamed. "I know, Pip," he said. "I wish I could be a good elf and have just one ice-cream and one lollipop, but one seems to lead to another, then I find all my pennies are gone."

"There is only one thing to do," said Pip, "you must earn some money before it is time for Christmas shopping."

Pennytop brightened up. "Yes, I will," he said. "I will go and see if the Wise Woman can find me something to do."

The next morning the elf trotted through the woods to the home of the Wise Woman.

"So you want to do a job of work, do you?" asked the Wise Woman, looking at him thoughtfully. "Well, I usually do everything by magic; it saves a lot of trouble. But there are one or two things you can do if you want to be useful. First, you can climb up on to the roof and clean the weather-vane for me. Then you can all the hinges on the shutters. After that, I want a special herb growing in the woods to put in my Christmas pudding, then ..."

The Wise Woman went on and on, but Pennytop did not mind. He was so glad to think that he would be sure of some money for his Christmas presents.

He began the tasks cheerfully and he worked on and on until the stars were glistening in the sky and the day was over.

GOOD ELF ... "You are a very good elf," said the Wise Woman. "Why did you come and help me today?" she asked sharply. "Was it just to be good, or did you want something?"

Pennytop went very red. "I—I really wanted some money for Christmas," he murmured.

"Ho, you did!" snorted the Wise Woman. "Well, I suppose you deserve some. Here you are." And she gave poor Pennytop a PENNY!

The little elf almost cried on the way home. He was so tired and he had worked so hard, but Pip cheered him up.

"Never mind!" he said. "You can buy two halfpenny toys at Mrs. Jolly's new shop, then you can give two Christmas presents anyway!"

The next day the elves spent a long time looking in the toy-shop window and then they went inside. "Good morning, Mr. and Mrs. Jolly," said Mrs. Jolly. "Come to do your Christmas shopping, I suppose? Well, you are nice and early; there is plenty for you to buy."

"I am afraid we want only two halfpenny toys," said Pennytop, putting his penny on the counter.

But Mrs. Jolly did not seem to hear him, or else she thought he said something else, because she went on. "What did you ask for? Oh yes, a large box of bricks; very nice top. Then a big Teddy Bear."

I see you are going to give very nice Christmas presents this year.

The more the elves tried to stop her the more things she piled on the counter, until there was everything that Pennytop would have bought if he had had lots more pennies than just one. The louder they shouted the more she gave them until at last she seemed to hear, and she said, "Oh, so that is enough, is it? You have had a good shopping day!"

"We tried to tell you, Mrs. Jolly: I have only a penny," said poor Pennytop. "I can't have all those things with ONE penny!"

"Oh yes, you can!" said Mrs. Jolly. "That is, when it is a GOLDEN penny!"

"Not enough the plain brown penny on the counter had changed into a beautiful, shining, golden one!"

WISE WOMAN ... "How wonderful!" cried Pennytop gleefully. "But how did you guess that these were the very things I wanted, without my telling you?"

"Without your telling me, indeed!" exclaimed Mrs. Jolly. "You asked for every one of these things with your very own mouth!"

Then there was such a loud chuckle. There behind Pennytop and Pip was standing the Wise Woman.

"No, with MY mouth, Mrs. Jolly!" she told the shopkeeper. "You could hear only my voice!"

She turned to Pennytop. "You were a good elf and told me the truth when you came to help me, little Pennytop," she said. "You did not tell me how many of those extra ice-creams and lollipops went to your friends when they had none, and you did not tell me that the money you wanted was to buy Christmas presents. So I decided to help you, as well as teach you to be a little more careful with your pennies. Now run off and enjoy your Christmas!"

And so they did, and had as bright and happy a time as anyone in the World!

Okan. Centre W.I. officers are re-elected

OKANAGAN CENTRE—The annual meeting of the Women's Institute, held recently in the Community Hall, saw Mrs. Snowden, president, and Mrs. Drought, secretary-treasurer, both returned to office. Mrs. Hunter was elected vice-president, with Mesdames Baken, Bernin and Motowlo directors.

During the business session the president read her year's report, showing donations to the "Flood Relief fund, 'Milk for Korea,' the Salvation Army, the Unitarian Service Committee and the Kelowna Occupational Centre; besides several local needs.

Swimming classes for Okanagan Centre children were held; a tag day for the C.N.I.B.; The Salvation Army canvass; the Red Cross Blood Donor clinic and the Citizens Forum were all either sponsored or assisted by the Institute.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$139.95. Of further interest to those at the meeting was a talk given by Jim Panton on "The Community program's branch of the department of education," discussing in detail the formation of a recreational commission in the district.

Mrs. R. Pixton and Mrs. Goffie were hostesses during the tea hour.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Chessman are spending the winter in England, with relatives, leaving by airplane early this month.

Mr. H. Turner returned on Tuesday from a five-day hunting trip in Wells-Gray Park. Brought home a moose, too!

A St. John's Ambulance course is being organized by the Women's Institute and will be held early in the new year.

Those wishing to take this course should leave their names at the G and M store.

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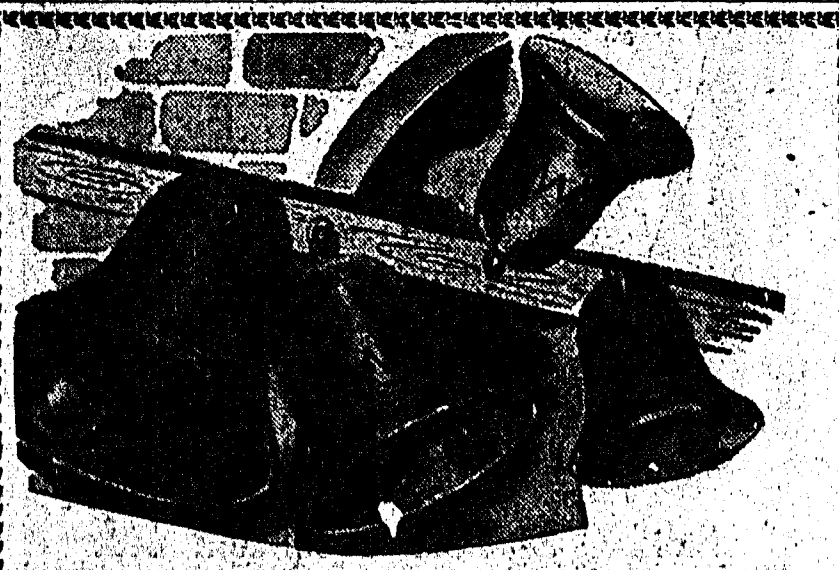
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Kelowna girl sets Jan. 23 for wedding

Mrs. Thelma McKim, Kelowna, announces the engagement of her youngest daughter, Thelma Norne, to Mr. Alan Arthur Parke, Bonaparte Ranch, Cache Creek, B.C., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parke, Cache Creek.

The wedding will take place Saturday, January 23, at 8.00 p.m. at the First United Church, Kelowna. Miss McKim is the daughter of the late Mr. Bert McKim.

All the best to you ... and yours

MERRY CHRISTMAS!
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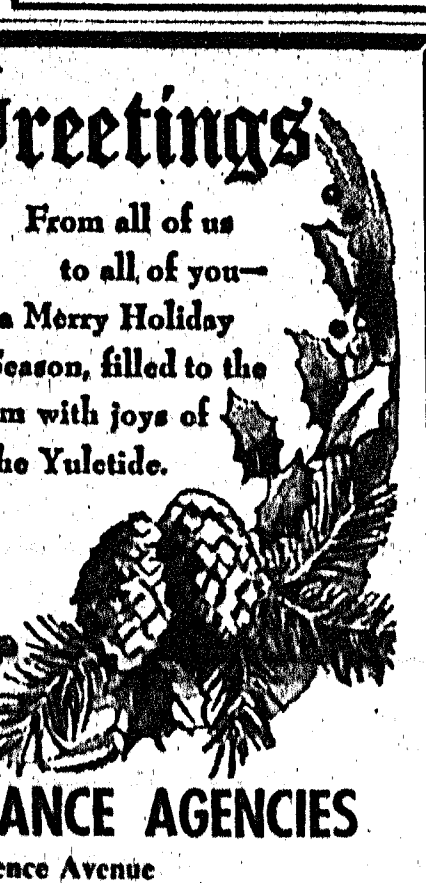


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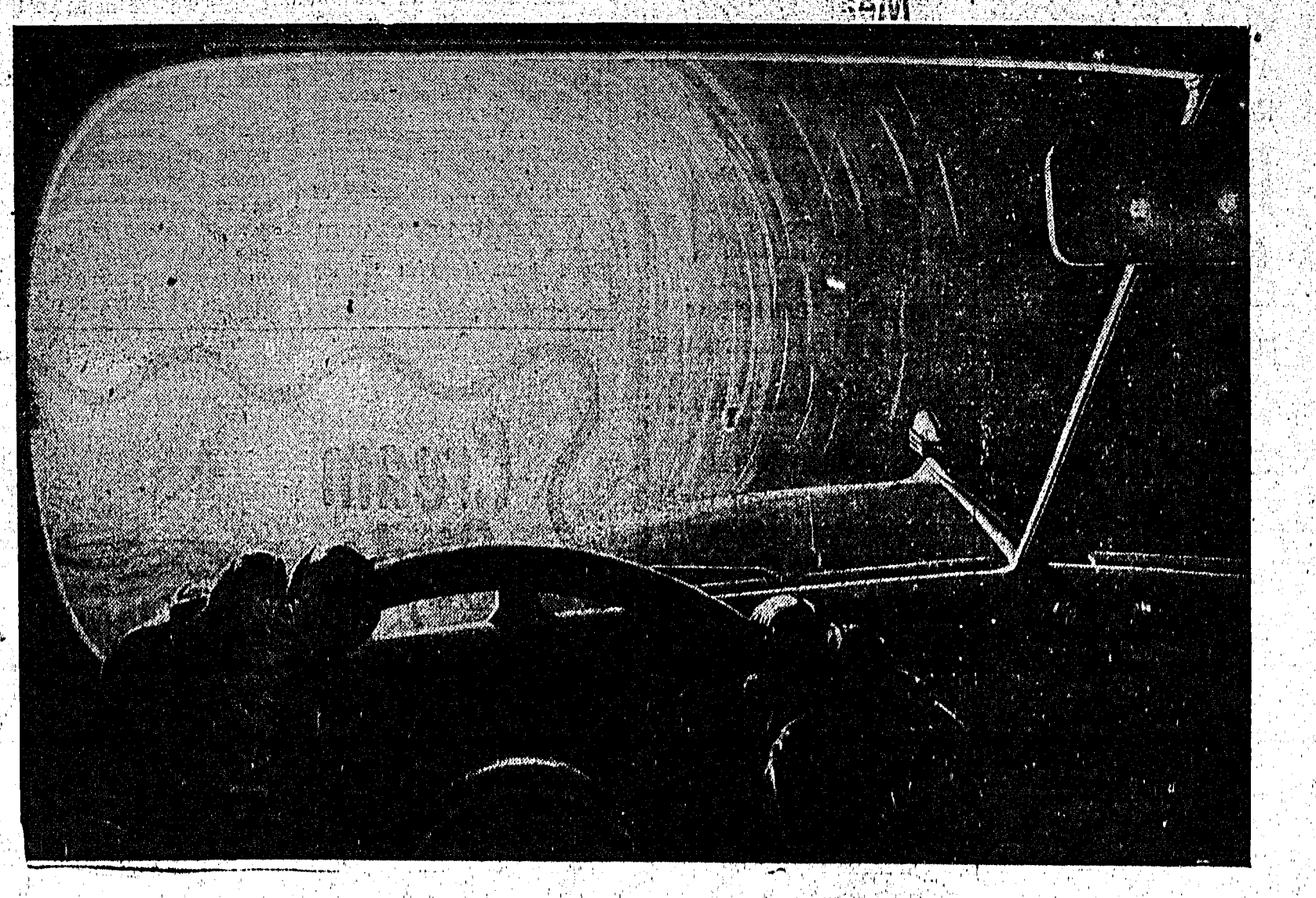
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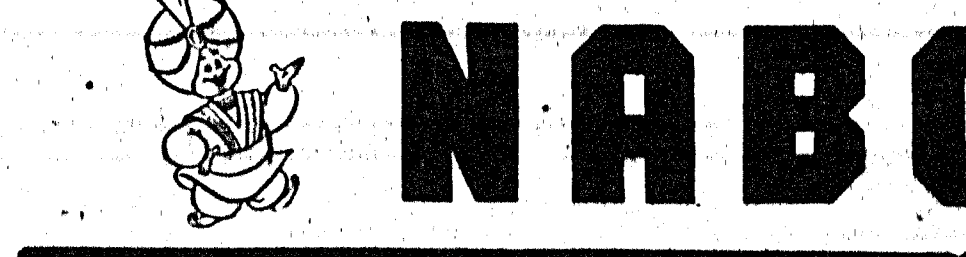
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More About 1 Striking woodworkers

(From Page 1, Col. 6)
that union members also turn down the judge's recommendations in a secret ballot Dec. 23.
The union's position was announced in the wake of reports that violence and threats of violence were again clouding the strike scene in Prince George.
President Joe Morris, smarting under the judge's caustic opinion of the union's conduct of the strike, criticized the industrial enquiry commissioner for the conduct of the public hearing.
"We deeply regret that his honor saw fit to criticize the union's conduct of the strike without a thorough probe into all phases of the situation," he said.
NOT RESPONSIBLE
The judge, in his report after the hearing, said: "To my mind it is impossible to suggest... that this is a responsible union, entitled to a compulsory checkoff or a union shop."
The checkoff was the main block to a quick settlement of the strike when the judge ended the hearing. He rejected the union's bid for this and said:
"It would be unfortunate to let union members feel that they had ground out an agreement from the employers as a result of unlawful acts."
DISREGARD FOR LAW
Judge Lloyd also said that affidavits submitted by the employers' representatives listed "such a series of unlawful acts... on the part of members of the union as to show a complete disregard for the laws of this country."
He recommended that the strike be settled on the basis of a 5-cent hourly raise; maintenance of membership on a single plant basis and a reduction of the qualifying time for two weeks holiday.
This was half a cent better than the operators' final offer for settlement.

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Once again we are privileged to celebrate another Christmas; and once again the Birth of the Prince of Peace will be celebrated in a world of stress and strain. Not all the singing of well-loved Christmas carols, or the escapist festivities of the world will be able to obliterate the knowledge of the vast preparations for possible deadly conflict between two opposite ways of life. Man today must choose one of two stars, each of which is struggling fiercely for ascendancy.
In these days, particularly at this time, the followers of the Star of Bethlehem must guard well the memory of a solemn hour of long ago when even Bethlehem, engrossed with business and pleasure, failed to find room for the Prince of Peace. They put Him in a stable!

As among nations, so it is often among individuals that go to make up nations and communities, there exists strain, unhealthy competition and jealousies. Because of these things, so contrary to the "way" in which Christ came to bring humanity suffering, good works and progress are hindered. Such human behaviour keeps Him in the stable. Such discord receives the approbation of another star with a different hue.
Man must choose between these two stars for there is no alternative. The one leads to Light and Peace; the other leads to darkness and despair. May God grant to us all wisdom to follow the Star that leads to Christ, the Prince of Peace.

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"Jolly Roger" flies over school

Pranksters placed a pirate's flag atop the high school here overnight.
But the "Jolly Roger" didn't last very long.
Tipped off to the unscholarly decoration flying on the high school flagpole, school board secretary E. W. Barton had it taken down quickly and reported that it was spotted by only a few nearby residents of the school on Harvey Avenue.
Believed put up by holidaying students overnight on Tuesday, the flag was crudely-fashioned from a white sheet with the skull and cross-bones emblem painted on it.

Winfield woman dies in hospital

Prayers were said at Day's Funeral chapel Tuesday night at 8 p.m. for Mrs. Carolina Holitzki of Winfield who died in hospital here Monday at the age of 48.
Mrs. Holitzki came here with her husband in 1934 after farming with her husband at Spring Valley, Sask. She was born in Lemburg, Sask.
She is survived by her husband, one son, Ronald; two daughters, Mrs. Dora Baycroft, Winfield, and Mrs. Madeleine Saunders, of Penticton, four brothers and three sisters. Mrs. Holitzki was predeceased by her father two months ago.
Services were held this morning at 10 a.m. at the Church of Immaculate Conception, conducted by Msgr. W. B. McKenzie.

Services held for Mrs. Iverson

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. from Day's Funeral Chapel for Ferdina Iverson, of 1859 Marshall Street, who died December 19 at 75.
Pall-bearers were R. Buchanan, D. A. Perry, J. Fitzgibbons, A. J. Benton, R. Thompson and R. Jacques.
A niece, Miss Edna Fyken of Berwick, North Dakota, was here to attend the services conducted by Rev. D. M. Perley.

Retired farmer dies in hospital

A retired farmer, Samuel Francis Childs of Okanagan Mission Road died Tuesday in hospital in his 82nd year.
Mr. Childs was born in Wales in

\$13,657,186 remitted for '53 fruit crop

Total of \$13,657,186 will have been paid out by New Years to growers for the 1953 crop, by B.C. Tree Fruits, the growers' selling agency, A. K. Loyd, president of BCTF said today. This figure includes another ten-cent-a-box advance which will be made in the next few days.
However, Mr. Loyd emphasized that from this figure, must be deducted packinghouse charges. Final payment for the apple crop is generally made around May or early June. Up to the present, between 55 and 60 percent of the 1953 apple crop has been sold. Packinghouse charges range from \$1.05 to as high as \$1.30 per box for apples.

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He is survived by his wife, Annie Margaret.
Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. from Day's Funeral Chapel, conducted by Rev. R. W. S. Brown. Interment will be made in Kelowna cemetery.

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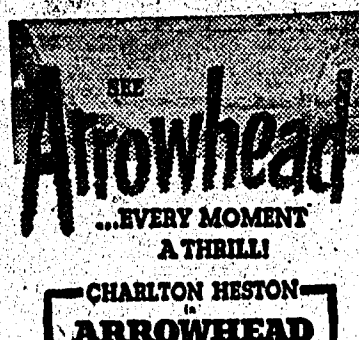
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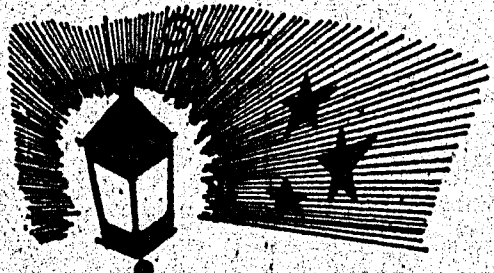
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St. Joseph's hall packed to capacity for Christmas play

St. Joseph's parish hall was packed to capacity for the annual Christmas concert arranged by the Sisters, and presented by the pupils last Sunday evening.

Following the playing of O Canada, a recitation of welcome by Margaret Casorso opened the program and was followed by "Santa's Helpers," a play in which the part of Santa was taken by Gregory Heitzman.

His helpers, all characters from "Mother Goose Land," were taken by pupils of grades one and two. Visitors to Santa's headquarters were David Moonen and Darlene Sperle.

"When Santa Was Sick" acted out by grades three and four, depicted the dismay of fairies, elves and gnomes, all of whom are in a quandary because of Santa's illness, which is the opportunity for the naughty gnomes to wreck his workshop and everything in it.

HELP SANTA
The good prevails, however, and the gnomes are persuaded that they will be happier by helping rather than hindering Santa's preparations for Christmas. Characters taking part in this play were: "Hardrock," Terry Mann; "Coco," Jack Roy; "Joe," William Butler; the jester, Gregory Amundrud; Pixie, Gerald Goetz and the Fairy Queen, Ruth Dodd.

Naughty Gnomes were Roger Pittman, as Snappy; Robert Mann, as Snappy and David Silbernagel as Snay. Elves were Donald Welger, Anton Sehn and Kevin McGladery.

Fairies were Marion Haddad, Cecelia Maier, Bernice Vetter, Kathleen Marty, Sandra Walsh, Jeanne Moonen, Lilly Ann Schleppe, Joan Gasparone, Shirley Schmidt, Brenda Campbell and Beverley Hill.

"Children" in this play included, Judith Haddad, Paulette Senger, Bernadette Schaefer, Elizabeth Pavle, Henrietta Young, Agnes Rieger, Monica Metz, Angelina Knorr and Georganne Metz.

SANTA'S GUARDS
Santa's Guards were: Norbert Wildemann, Denis Weniger, Harold Davis, Leslie Granlich, Wayne Eberle, Richard Schuch, Alan Bocklage, Brian Weiser, Martin Schaefer, Melvyn Campbell, Donald Kirschner and Marvin Vetter.

"Mother," a part taken by Estelita Kornber, in "A Christmas Fantasy," showed the bustle and preparation for the holiday and the loss thereby of the true meaning of Christmas.

The Christmas Madonna, in the person of Mary Alene Bregolisse, appears to the mother in a dream, bringing to her the true message and spirit of Christmas: "peace on earth, goodwill to men."

OTHERS IN PLAY
Those taking part in "Trimming The Tree" were also grades five and six pupils, and included speakers; Terence O'Neill, Anne Setter, Joan Maier, Elsie Busch, Gerald Limberger, Richard Warner, Genevieve Bulch, John Dodd and Stephanie Sass.

Decorators were Thomas Balfour, Mary Mosser and Doreen Schaefer, assisted by helpers, Alyssia Koenig and Gerald Limberger.

Chorus sung were: "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas"; "Christmas" and "Put Christ Back Into Christmas."

"The Christmas Story" was sung by the choral group of grades seven and eight, and the last number, the "Nativity Tableau" was beautifully carried out, also by grades seven and eight. Characters taking part were: Mary, Mary Alene Bregolisse; Joseph, Ernest Poltras; the shepherds, Robert and Keith Duffy, Donald Schmidt and Albert Weninger. The Wise Men, John Schlosser, Nicholas Bulch and Peter Kolodychuk.

The Angelic Choir: Patricia Sauer, Dianne Goetz, Doreen Wildeman, Josephine Deering, Barbara Goodman, Margaret Milne, Rosemary Schlosser, Eileen McGladery, Coleen McGladery, Deanne Vetter, Dixie Roy, Stacy Tuft and Ellen Curran. During the tableaux the choir sang, "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "Gloria in Excelsis Deo."

MANY HELPERS
Grateful acknowledgements were made to Mrs. A. Jones, Mrs. L. Watt, Mrs. A. L. Roy, and Mrs. S. Marty who were in charge of make-up; O. L. Jones for furniture; Mrs. Ralph Guld, lighting; Mr. J. Campbell, microphone and loud-speaker equipment; stage preparations, Mrs. Roy, Frank O'Neill, Adrien Eberle and Clarence Meyer. To the ushers, ticket collectors and parents, and to the master of ceremonies, Mr. A. L. Roy.

All who attended the concert realized the time and effort put into it by the Sisters in charge, and by the pupils themselves, who were letter-perfect in their parts.

The concert closed with the singing of "God Save the Queen."

EXPERT ON HISTORY
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—George G. Heye, director of the Museum of the American Indian at New York, has informed Newfoundland sources that he plans a visit here next summer to examine Indian relics and possibly do some research work. He was attracted by reports of the recent find of an Indian skeleton at Port Saunders.

Don't set up electric trains near the tree.

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Tony Beck, district sales representative for Shell Oil Company, is shown presenting a \$100 Citation Award to Abe Siemens, an employee of Kelowna Motors. The "Home-Clean Restroom" contest was open to all Shell stations in the three B.C. districts, Vancouver Island, lower mainland and interior. Needless to say proprietors Harold and Archie August and Fred Waite are proud of the achievement.

WOODSMAN SPARES TREE

But the axe sometimes did not spare him!

By ROBERT L. REID

The day of the axe is over; that almost sacred tool, which, though it cost but \$1.50, would get anyone who touched it into a fight, has been almost replaced by the \$250 chain-saw with only some odd, dull, poorly balanced axes to be found even in a lumber camp. Yet most people remember the wood-burning days and the times we were chased from an important ball game to "Get the kindling," and the scheming we did to foist the job on a younger brother should have made all of us into great executives.

In a logging-camp, the other day I noted that everything is "powered." A chainsaw feels the trees and even the limbing is done with a power saw, getting the logs out so fast that one wonders how lumber can be so expensive. But I've not seen a load of coral poles for years and the mine-props are the only thing not sawn.

ALL MEN WERE AXEMEN
In the old days every Canadian was an axeman; and being fourth-generation not too far from Ottawa, I fancied my skill very early in life. I do not count the time I cut off my finger-tip with the Christmas-present hatchet, for the carotid I was practising on was very like a finger to a five-year-old, but when I got to be about eight my brother not only trusted me with, but forced upon me, the use of the big splitting axe.

He sawed the hard-maple and beech cordwood into 16-inch blocks and I had to split all he sawed before I could go skating on Saturdays. To speed matters, and get a chance to skate at all, I would set the blocks up in a row, and swinging that heavy old axe full circle would dashly walk along them, moving from block to block without a pause. Mother saw me from the kitchen window that I was under the wire clothes line, but she screamed too late. The rebound fortunately caught me with the back of the axe, but the back was ragged from pounding wedges and I got a very nasty tear behind my ear.

As a boy I had never seen a double-bitted straight-handled axe and I never did become partial to them, but I could not deny their advantages when cutting spruce where the limbs were hard as bone and liable to chip a thin-ground felling axe. Therefore, we honed one edge thin and left the other sharp but not thinned back. So, I had my tree ready to fall; struck my axe in a stump, and gave the tree a guiding push.

The butt threatened to flip back at me and I stepped away, stumbled on a root, and sat down much too close to the axe in the stump. Even mother had some unfeeling remarks for her axeman son who could cut himself in the back of the neck and also in the back of the pants; but this last was a bad one and I resented very much the fun poked at such a "sore" spot.

"COOK'S AXE"
Then there was the "cook's axe" in our squadron during the Boer War. Its handle was always broken, and was blamed for late meals and half-cooked stew. After months of this we made him—or it—a



JOYFUL WISHES

plete bite pulled out along with the axe. I had no complaint, and I paid my \$5 right there in the bush. Later, the dealer explained the foolishness of driving a frozen axe into frozen wood.

REUNION
Every time Cleveland and Buffalo of the American Hockey League clash there are nine former members of the New York Rangers on the ice. Ex-Rangers on Buffalo are Frank Eddolls, Eddie Slowinski, Gaye Stewart and Pete Babando, while the Cleveland roster boasts former New Yorkers' Emilie Francis, Steve Kraftcheck, Jackie Gordon, Jack Stoddard and Fred Shero.

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CORONATIONS AT CHRISTMAS

Monarchs in hurry to get crown and sceptre


By REX CHARLES

In these times, the idea of arranging a Coronation to take place at Christmastide would never be considered. The short period of December daylight, and the winter weather, would be entirely unfitting for the outdoor pageantry in the capital, and for the popular celebrations which now mark the occasion throughout the realm.

But in simpler and looser times, other influences prevailed. Moreover, there were often political considerations which made it necessary for a coronation to take place without delay, whatever the season, so that the new sovereign might be vested with the full authority before another claimant had an opportunity to assert himself.

PEACHLAND GREETINGS

"Peachland" suggests peaches in abundance. Highway 97 becomes Beach Avenue here. There is also Vernon Avenue, Princeton Avenue, yes, and Tenth Street, too! Snug homes cling to the high terrain overlooking Okanagan Lake, while waves lap the shore below where more lovely residences have blossomed. Peachland is in sound financial condition, extra school alterations have become necessary, an influx of settlers has resulted in steady progress. Auxiliaries... bazaars... P.T.A. ... curling, all this is part of the scene. Note the merchants listed below. They appreciate your patronage and wish you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS.



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PEACHLAND SUMMERLAND

East Kelowna residents expecting many friends and relatives home for holiday

EAST KELOWNA—The East Kelowna school closed on Friday last for the eagerly-awaited Christmas holidays.

C. J. Wilson arrived during the week from Falkland, to spend the Christmas season with his family.

Spending Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rowles are travel from their own domains for the crowning at Westminster. For even Kings could travel no quicker than horses and sails could carry them.

Miss Joy Silvester arrived last week from Three Hills, Alta., to spend her Christmas holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Silvester.

Miss M. Moodie arrived at the week-end from Vancouver to spend the festive season at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Holitzski are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son at the Kelowna General Hospital, December 15.

Ted Johnson arrived last week-end to spend the holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnson. Ted is a student at the University of British Columbia.

Arriving at the week-end from UBC was Sidney Rowles, who spends Christmas at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rowles.

Miss Sally Turton arrived home from Victoria during the week to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Turton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Middleton and Harry left last week for Calgary, where they will spend Christmas with relatives.

Bethlehem, N.H. is like village of nativity

BETHLEHEM, N.H.—This peaceful little "Christmas town" nestled in the New Hampshire hills bears a striking resemblance to the Holy Village for which it was named. Its location is similar to that of Bethlehem in Judea, and, strangely enough it is a village of inns and Jewish people, just like the real Bethlehem in the beautiful story of the Christ Child. This similarity exists, however, only in summer when 32 magnificent hotels, taverns and inns, nine of which observe the Jewish dietary laws, are hosts to those who come, year after year, to enjoy the beauty of green fields and purple mountains. At Christmastide the population is less than a thousand souls and most of them are natives whose hardy ancestors built their cabins along Bethlehem streets where the palatial hotels now stand.

Norway was the first European country to grant suffrage to women, first permitting local voting in 1901, and extending it to national voting in 1907.



Greetings

and best wishes for a

Christmas that will be memorable for the happiness and enjoyment it will bring to you and your dear ones.

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How is it up your way, neighbor? Around here it's a bit chilly. That's what Marlene Constable says as she laughs at the temperature from beneath mitts, scarf and toque. She is one of the Southern Ontarians caught in the blizzard that howled out of Georgian Bay and deposited several inches of snow right down to the St. Lawrence river.

CHRISTMAS HOSTS... Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Buss, Park Avenue, were hosts at an "after five" party the latter part of last week.

Ghostly Christmas bells to greet merry Yuletide

Amongst the bells which will ring out to greet the coming Yuletide will be many ghostly peals, heard on no other night of the year; for tradition says that the bells of all buried churches join the chorus every Christmas Eve.

There are the bells of Raleigh, once a prosperous village in Nottinghamshire, now only a country valley. All sign of habitation was swallowed up many years ago by an earthquake. It is said that every Christmas Eve the bells of the old church are heard to ring out again. A legend of this kind is told of a country church near Preston, the very name of which nobody knows.

In Holland, the story of the city of Beem is told every Christmas. This wonderful place was famous for its magnificence and beauty and also for its wickedness and shamelessness. One day the whole city

was swallowed up by the sea. The submerged bells of Dunwich, now covered by the sea, are said to join in the ghostly chorus.

Nativity theme dominates cards

Modern Christmas cards feature literally hundreds of interpretations of the popular Nativity theme. Many of these are reproductions from the old masters, while many others have been created especially for the Christmas card industry.

The Nativity theme, which naturally lends itself to an almost endless variety of interpretations and a wealth of detail, long has been a favorite subject of Christian artists. Many of the details, based upon certain Bible texts, have fostered various legends—such as those concerning the Magi—which grew until the Wise Men were identified and given kingdoms.

The Annunciation is among the earliest subjects represented in Christian art, antedating the Madonna and Child theme by several centuries, and it is interesting to

note that the fathers of the Church determined how the Madonna should be portrayed: her dress and mantle are usually blue and red.

TO ATTEND WEDDING... Mr. David Gogel and Mr. Gherard Gogel, Lawrence Ave., motored to Vancouver this week to attend a wedding. They will return in time for Christmas, accompanied by their brother, Albert, who is attending Sure-Pass school in Vancouver.

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GREETINGS

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Japanese couple exchange wedding vows at rites performed by Rev. J. Kabayama

Against a setting of yellow and white mums, a pretty wedding took place recently in the Japanese United Church, when Emie Ito, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Ito, of Rutland, became the bride of George J. Naito, son of Mr. Kotaro Naito, Glenmore. Rev. J. Kabayama officiated at the ceremony.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was charming in a full-length traditional gown featuring net and lace bodice. Two layers of net covered a satin underskirt with two lace panels in the centre. The lace bolero featured a collar trimmed with seed pearls and rhinestones. A chapel-length veil was held in place with a tiara of rhinestones and seed pearls. The bride wore the groom's gift, a single strand of pearls and rhinestone and pearl earrings, and she carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

MAID OF HONOR

Best man was John Naito, brother of the groom, and ushers were Ken Ito, brother of the bride, and Goro Yamamoto.

Miss Gloria Koide, as maid of honor, chose a yellow, full-length dress with lace bodice and bolero. Her shoulder-length veil was held in place with a yellow floral headband, and she carried a colonial bouquet of yellow mums.

Miss Emma Numada, as bridesmaid, was gowned in blue brocaded satin, with net bolero. Her colonial bouquet was of white feathered mums.

The junior bridesmaid, Miss Nancy Ito, sister of the bride, and the flower girl, Miss Diana Maito, niece of the bride and groom, wore similar dresses of lilac net and taffeta. Miss Ito's short veil was held in place with a net lilac headband, and she carried white mums. Miss Maito's headdress was a lilac net band with tiny flowers, and she carried lilac mums.

HOLD RECEPTION
At a reception for 120 guests at the Royal Anne Hotel, the bride's mother assisted in receiving guests in a navy dress with navy accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

The bridal toast was proposed by I. Yamamoto.

Tee bride's table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake. For a honeymoon to points south, the bride donned a worsted blue coat over a soft wool suit, with greyed mauve accessories, and wore a corsage of white carnations.

The newly-weds will reside at Glenmore.

Out-of-town guests included Mr. and Mrs. T. Kato, from Summerland; Miss Yukie Koga from the Royal Columbian Hospital, New Westminster, and Mr. B. Kanno and Mrs. C. Chiba, New Westminster.

Recent Kelowna bride honored at shower

A gift of a mixmaster and reverent ware for Miss Ruth Wanless, a bride-to-be, was presented in a novel way at a shower held recently at the home of Mrs. Jack Johnson.

A cleverly constructed papier-mache mountain with a miniature bride and groom skiing down the slope, contained the gifts hidden underneath.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were hosts at dinner prior to the shower, to Miss Wanless and her fiancé, Mr. Fred Raines.

About 35 guests attended the shower, co-hosted by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Mary Leith, and the evening was spent in a present hunt, as Miss Wanless searched for presents hidden throughout the house.

Dainty refreshments were prepared by the hostess and friends and neighbors assisted in serving.

Miss Wanless is to be married December 28 to Mr. Raines.

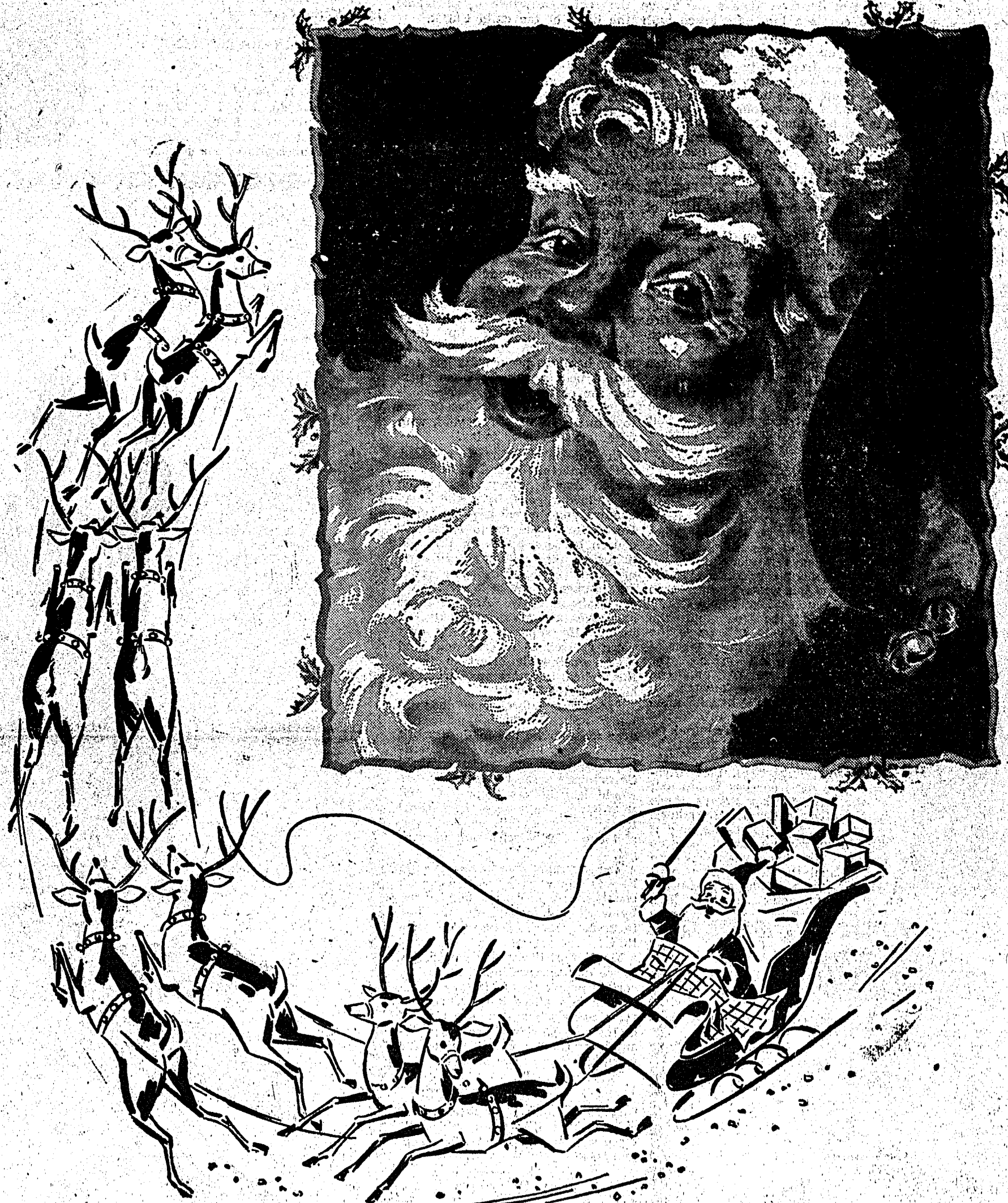
"Merry Christmas" in many languages

It's easy to say "Merry Christmas" in many languages with this check-list of greetings in other tongues!

Say "Joyeux Noel"—in French; "Froeliche Weihnachten" in German; "Buon Natale" in Italian.

The Spanish have the words for it with "Felices Pascuas" or "Feliz Navidad".... In Holland they say "Een Vrolijk Kerstfeest," the Danes greet each other with "En Glædelig Jule," or as the Norwegians would say: "Gledelig Jule."

In Czechoslovakia, they greet one another with "Vesele Vanoce".... In Swedish, "God Jule".... and to each and every one of you—we say, "The Merriest Christmas, Ever!"



Season's Greetings

With the approach of Christmas, our thoughts revert gratefully to those whose good will and confidence we have learned to treasure throughout the years. It is to these old friends and our many new ones that we wish to extend our warmest wishes for a cheerful and joyous Christmas—a happy and prosperous New Year.

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r.p.m.'s column

Putting up the tree

There's nothing, absolutely nothing, to putting up a Christmas tree. Keep your head, watch your language and supply yourself with the proper tools. Don't panic for the exits. There is nothing to fear but fear itself.

In the first place, pay absolutely no attention to those people who tell you that you can get a Christmas tree to stand upright in a bucket of sand. Nobody actually ever has seen a Christmas tree standing upright in a bucket of sand. People imagine they have, of course. But this salacious turn of mind to be some figment of imagination based on something they think they can remember from their childhood.

Similarly, no tree will stand upright on two crossed boards nailed to its base. People claim their grandfather used to get a tree to stand upright that way. But they generally are just trying to build up grandpa who really couldn't off the hinges on a door properly, if the truth were told.

All right, then, to be in the proper frame of mind to deal with a Christmas tree it is necessary to get rid of all romantic notions about the pioneer spirit.

Get yourself one of those patent-

ed metal stands with screws that bite into the tree. Probably you already have one anyway. Look for it in an unlikely place. You won't be able to find it where it ought to be. The accepted method of locating this device is to hunt around a while and then ask your wife where she thinks it might be found. She will then give an answer to which you will reply: "Don't be silly, for heaven's sake, it couldn't be there." There, however, it will be.

The first thing, of course, is to get the tree cut down to size. It's odd how the darned things look just right in the woods or the lot but when you come to putting them up they are a lot bigger than you can possibly use.

So you prepare to cut them off to size. Just measure the height of your room and but a little less. And invariably you'll find that the part you cut away was the best part of the tree; always just above the cut is a big, bare space with nary a limb or a branch.

As your wife will not appreciate the tree dropping its needles when it commences to dry out, after you cut it off, place the butt in a tub of water for twenty-four hours to give it its last final drink. After years of experience I am still trying to find out how to keep the tree standing up that long without falling over and upsetting the water all over the basement floor. Water on the basement floor is part of Christmas.

Now you've given the tree its final drink; see that it keeps it. Seal the butt with wax. Take a cake of your wife's parawax and melt it on the stove. Of course, this is your chance. Just go away, let the stuff melt too much, catch fire and burn down the house. Then you'll not have to worry about the tree or Christmas at all. Sometimes it seems worth it.

When the wax is melted, insert the butt of the tree into it, the wax; then let it dry, sealing in that last drink. At this point, I think it would be wise to point out that the last drink sealed in is the tree's, not your; you've probably had one or two yourself by this time.

Now get the room cleared. Tell everybody to stand well back. Bring the tree in; grasped somewhere close to the middle. Shout loudly: "Leave it alone, leave it alone. It handles it better myself," and follow this with: "Grab it, grab it, can't you see I can't hold it?"

Next insert the tree into the metal holder. This will cause the holder to topple, nicking a piece of furniture. Glare all around the room to make sure that no one giggles. Never allow anyone to giggle at you. This is bad for morale.

Tell one of the children to hold the holder. Try again to insert the tree, shouting: "Has that got it?" They will reply: "Yes, no," alternately, as the tree goes in and out of the holder. This always ends with the tree getting in the holder. Get one of the family to hold it upright by saying: "all right, grab it now." Get down under the tree and tighten the screws. They will bite into the tree unevenly causing everyone to shout: "Look out, look

out, it's going to fall." Tell them all to be quiet. Continue tightening the screws, calling out at intervals: "How's it now?" When you reach the point where you think it looks straight, ask your wife if it is straight. She will say: "No. Reply: "Sure, it's straight" and get out and look. It won't be straight. Say: "It was straight when I asked you" and crawl back under again.

This goes on indefinitely. Sooner or later everybody agrees that the tree is straight. Crawl out. Look at the tree. Hold it up with string this time.

And when the tree gets all decorated, look upon it with great satisfaction and when your friends come in say with a proprietary air that you put up and decorated the tree. To yourself you can say: "I don't know what they'd ever do without me around here."

Letters to the editor

IS CHRISTMAS COMMERCIALIZED?

The Editor,
Kelowna Courier.

Dear Sir,—We are being told by the parsons that today Christmas has been commercialized, not like it used to be; that we have forgotten the real significance of Christmas, the birth of the child Christ.

Between 50 and 60 years ago when the writer was a child, Christmas was the same as it is today. In all this changing world, this is one thing that has not changed. As a boy the writer remembers the decorated stores, the buying of gifts, being taken to the big department store and meeting Father Christmas, as we then called Santa Claus. All the stores advertised the Christmas gifts. On Christmas day we would unwrap all our parcels, then to Christmas church service. Then as now, we would have turkey and trimmings, mince pies, plum pudding, etc., etc. Then as now "Father Christmas" with his red coat and white whiskers would arrive. Then as now, children would hang their stockings. Then there would be many hampers packed for less fortunate people, and Christmas parties for old and young. We children would take our last year's toys to the children's hospital, with other gifts, even as today.

But the storekeepers we are told, have commercialized Christmas. In eleven months every organization in Kelowna begs from the merchants, and never begs in vain. Goods for resale or to raffish for church bazaars, prizes for this and prizes for that, money for all sorts of good causes, pseudo advertising. Appeals come in to merchants, often almost daily. And he gives and gives and gives, often until it hurts. He supports by his own work as well as in cash and kind every worthwhile effort in town. But, when it comes to Christmas, he commercializes it!

The average storekeeper does not know until Christmas business is over whether he has made a profit or a loss for the year. But according to some persons, we have ruined Christmas. Most storekeepers would like to pay their staff and themselves the wages that school teachers, nurses, mill workers, yes, and even the salaries that parsons get.

The average storekeeper would like to know what other business classification supports good causes by work and money, and the less fortunate, more generously than they.

Mr. Editor, the writer would like to see that this continual ranting by certain people that Christmas is being commercialized, stop. Christmas remains as it has always, a time of giving and good will from the example of God's greatest gift to the world, his Son as our Saviour.

Yours sincerely,

A STOREKEEPER.

(Editor's note: It is sheer coincidence that this same subject is discussed in an "rpm" column in this issue.)

PLAY IT SAFE!

The Editor,
The Kelowna Courier.

Dear Sir,—At this time of year it is the custom of all of us to greet our friends and neighbors wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are really sincere in making this wish.

At the holiday season, however, there is the danger that our highways in town and country may become hazardous due to drivers becoming impaired through drinking at social gatherings. There is impairment before intoxication is apparent. Accidents can happen through this impairment and the holiday season is spoiled for some families in consequence.

In wishing each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year could we quietly resolve that insofar as we are concerned personally, it is our intention to make sure that our family, our place of business and our community has an unspoiled holiday season?

Yours sincerely,
ARTHUR W. COWLEY,
Executive Director.

REPLYS TO EDITORIAL

417 Queen Anne Heights,
Victoria, B.C.
December 15, 1953

The Editor,
Kelowna Courier.

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest your leading article "Unreasonable and unjust suggestion" in the Courier of December 10.

The Commission has no alternative but to enforce the Public Utilities Act which sets out that municipality is a public utility if it supplies water, electricity or gas (not garbage or street services) to users outside of its municipal limits. A municipality is not compelled to serve outside its boundaries in the first instance, but it generally has done so of its own volition when it has seen a means of added revenue.

The matter of how far outside a municipality should serve is determined by economics, and the Commission would not order a connection where there was no adjacent

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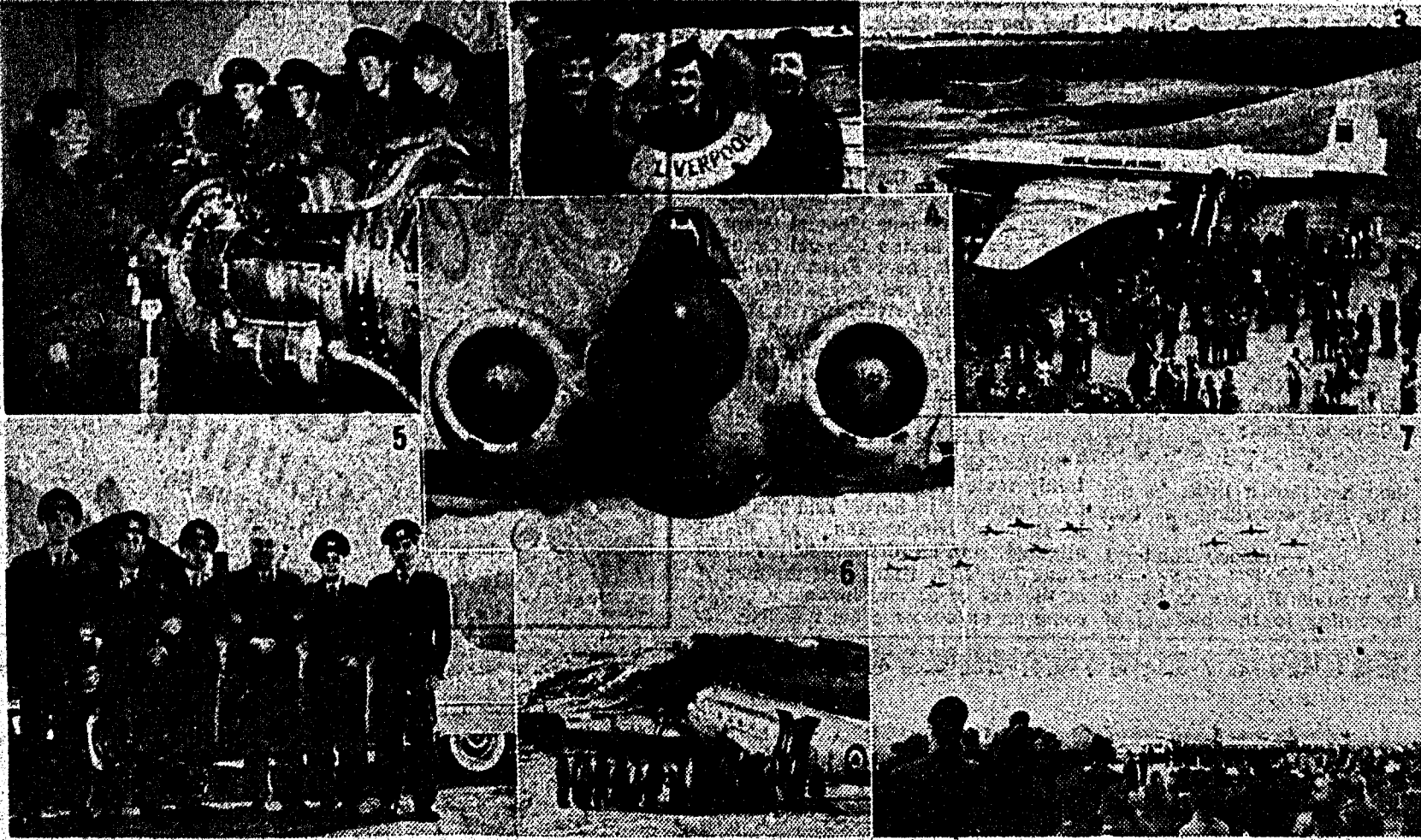


Greetings

At this gay, holiday time let us offer you all the best wishes from our staff! May your Christmas be bright with the many blessings of the season ... Rich in friendship, bright with gifts of happiness and lasting pleasure. And our wish is not just for Christmas, but for every day of the year 'til the next Yuletide!

MEIKLE'S

RCAF looks back . . .



As 1953 closes the RCAF looks back on a year of continued achievement and expansion. New establishments were opened, new operational squadrons formed, and new aircraft and equipment added. Personnel strength rose from 38,391 at the end of 1952 to an estimated 43,000 at the end of 1953, and Europe saw striking evidence of Canada's air strength with 12 squadrons of Sabre jet fighters stationed there. The following pictures give an indication of the activities and expansion of the RCAF.

(1) At a technical training unit, pilots are given instruction on the Oranda jet engine which powers the CF-100 Canuck jet fighter. (2) Three happy airwomen aboard the liner Franconia which took them to England for the Coronation ceremonies. (3) One of the RCAF Comet jet transports, first of its kind to be flown by any air force. The Comets provide the RCAF with high speed high altitude aircraft to exercise Canada's air defence system. (4)

With Canadian air defence requirements to the fore in its design, the CF-100 Canuck is an all-weather long range jet fighter designed and built in Canada. (5) Turkey became the ninth NATO nation to send aircrew trainees to Canada for instruction. Five Turkish trainees are met on arrival at RCAF Station Uplands by the Turkish military attaché to Canada, Colonel H. Bulca. (6) The RCAF continued its search and rescue and mercy flight program, and many humanitarian flights were carried out by airforce crews. Here, following an SOS from an isolated village in Labrador, an RCAF Dakota transport aircraft lands to take an injured Eskimo to hospital. (7) F-86 Sabres of the RCAF's No. 4 Fighter Wing fly past during the handover ceremonies of the Wing to operational control of NATO at Baden-Söllingen, Germany. With the addition of this wing, Canada's 12 sqdn. NATO force was overseas months ahead of schedule.

for the travellers, in time as well as in money. But there was no alternative—unless you walked.

TWENTY ON THE ROOF

Roads were little better than rough, muddy, rutted tracks. Coaches were not fitted with pneumatic tires, and were only suspended on steel springs at front and back, the discomforts experienced by the passengers can be imagined. Travelling inside resembled sitting in a small box, while it needed great agility—and a certain amount of courage—to climb up to the roof, where the seats were, even less comfortable. One writer has likened the motion of coach riding to "a ship rocking or beating against heavy seas."

Most of the coaches were licensed to carry 12: six inside and six on the roof, but few coach proprietors seemed to be worried by this restriction. Records tell us that as many as twenty people travelled on the roof of some coaches. Eventually, after a coachload of 34 passengers had overturned, following the snapping of a spring, and causing several deaths, the matter was raised in Parliament, with the result that the passenger limit for all coaches was enforced by law.

As more and more coaches were put into service, it became imperative for coachmen to drive farther at a stage and faster. Risks were taken and many tragic accidents resulted from this craze for speed. Old

coaching annals tell of half-drunk coachmen who tried to race one another, overtaking on narrow country roads, caring nothing for life or limb. As one writer puts it: "Whoever takes up a newspaper in these eventful times it is even bettering whether an accident by a coach or a suicide first meets the eye."

THEN CAME THE RAILWAYS

During the early years of the 19th century Thomas Telford and John McAdam did much to improve road surfaces. This revolutionized coach travelling, for bigger and better coaches—known as "flyers"—were introduced to all the regular services, reducing the former time schedules by more than half. In some cases, although it is doubtful if the travellers comfort was much improved.

One needed to be tough to "go home for Christmas" in those days. Imagine waiting at the crossroads in a biting snowstorm, maybe for hours, and then finding the coach full up when it did arrive—or even being lifted from the top at journey's end, frozen and stiff—and fit for nothing but bed. There was not much romance about that sort of experience, which was good reason why the introduction of the railways in Britain received such a popular welcome.

Yet listen to one old coachman who waxed indignant about the ar-

rival of the railways: "Them as have seen coaches afore, rails came into fashion have seen something worth remembering. Them was happy days for old England, afore reform and rails turned everything upside down, and men rode as nature intended they should, on pikes, with coaches and smart active cattle, and not by machinery like bags of cotton and hardware. But coaches is done forever, and a heavy blow it is. They was the pride of the country; there wasn't anything like them, as I've heard gentlemen say from foreign parts, to be found nowhere, nor never will again."

No, the jolly Christmas coach as depicted on the modern calendar makes a pretty picture, but the actual reality wasn't really so romantic as it would seem. There is

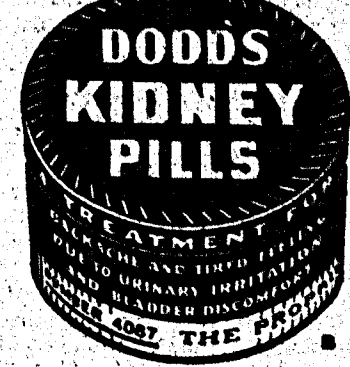
much to be said for the railways after all.

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Come for a ride in a stage coach; not so jolly as cards suggest

By NICHOLAS CLARE

One of the picturesque relics of the past which Christmas always brings freshly to our minds, is the stage coach. We get reproductions of it on Christmas cards and calendars and we may even see it in a seasonable film. The pantomimes sometimes introduce it.

There is something about the stage coach which stirs our affection, and if you have ever seen one (as you may on special occasions in London) bowling along with four horses and conductor, sounding the horn in the rear, the sight is certainly delightful.

But was it, even in its hey-day, such a jolly affair for serious travel?

Writers at that period seem to be at some variance. One, for instance, told of the "admirable commodiousness of the stage coach, both for men and women, the like of which hath not been known in the world . . . sheltered from foul weather and foul ways, free from endangering one's health and body by hard jogging or over-violent motion on horseback, and this at the low price of about a shilling for Every Five Miles . . ."

The majority of writers, however, have left on record a very different picture of the "commodious comfort" of the stage coach. Dickens, in particular, provides us with plenty of evidence. Do you remember his description of the Dover coach in "A Tale of Two Cities?" The coach reached Shooter's Hill, near Woolwich, and the passengers were forced to dismount and walk, not that they had the least relish for such exercise, but because the hill, and the harness and the mud, and the mail, were all so heavy that the horses had three times already come to a stop.

"With drooping heads and tremulous tails they mashed their way through the thick mud, floundering and stumbling, and the passengers were plodding up the hill by the side of the coach. All three were wrapped to the cheek bones and over the ears, and wore jack-boots . . . and each was hidden under almost as many wrappers from the eyes of the mind as from the eyes of the body, of his two companions."

Not much romance about such an experience, nor much comfort.

THIRTY MILES A DAY
Delays in these days were the rule rather than the exception. One advertisement announcing the service between London and York proudly stated that the coach "performs the whole journey in four days (if God permits) . . ."

The Exeter coach—once-weekly from London, was timed to reach Devon on the third day, but one traveller, a lawyer, who spent much of his time in coaches, said, rather caustically, of this particular service: "If, in spite of highwaymen, snowdrifts, ruts a yard deep, and Bagshot Heath, we compass the 172 miles in six days, we may think ourselves lucky . . . That averages less than 30 miles a day."

There are many authenticated stories of the terror created by highwaymen and thugs on the main coaching roads of Britain—even in the region of Hyde Park and Knightsbridge, which were notorious areas in those days—but this possibility was really only the least of the hardships experienced by coach travellers. The weather was a far worse menace, with the snow a positive nightmare to coachmen and passengers.

Consider this brief extract from Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby." You may recall that Mr. Squeers and his pupils had set forth by coach for Yorkshire. After many references to the discomforts of the journey, we read: "The night and the snow came on together, and dismal enough they were . . . The remainder (those riding on top of the coach,

who had been deafened for miles by the overexuberant blowing of the horn) wrapped themselves more closely in their coats and cloaks and pillowed against the luggage, prepared, with many half-suppressed moans, to encounter the piercing blasts which swept across the open country . . ."

They were little more than a stage out of Grantham when Nicholas was suddenly roused by a violent jerk, which nearly threw him from his seat. Grasping the rail he found that the coach had sunk greatly on one side, though it was still dragged forward by the horses, and while confused by their plunging and the loud screams of the lady inside—he hesitated for an instant whether he should jump or not, the vehicle turned over, and relieved him from all uncertainty by flinging him into the road."

One writer of the stage coach era describes crossing Bagshot Heath and encountering another coach overturned in a snowdrift. "All we could see was the coachman's hat, two horses' heads, the roof of the coach, and two passengers standing on their luggage bawling 'Help!'"

Coach travellers were often snowed up for days on end—we read of delays of more than a week. Good business maybe for the country innkeepers, but rather expensive



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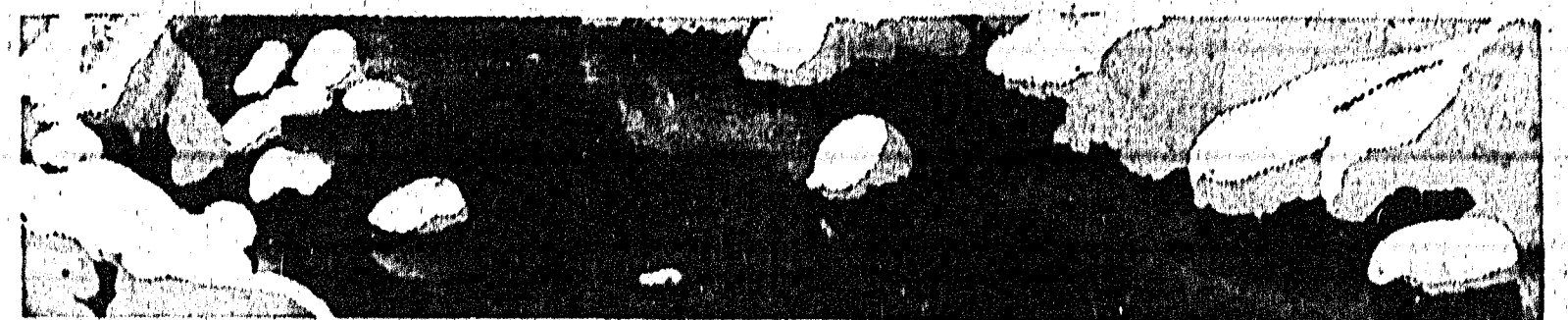
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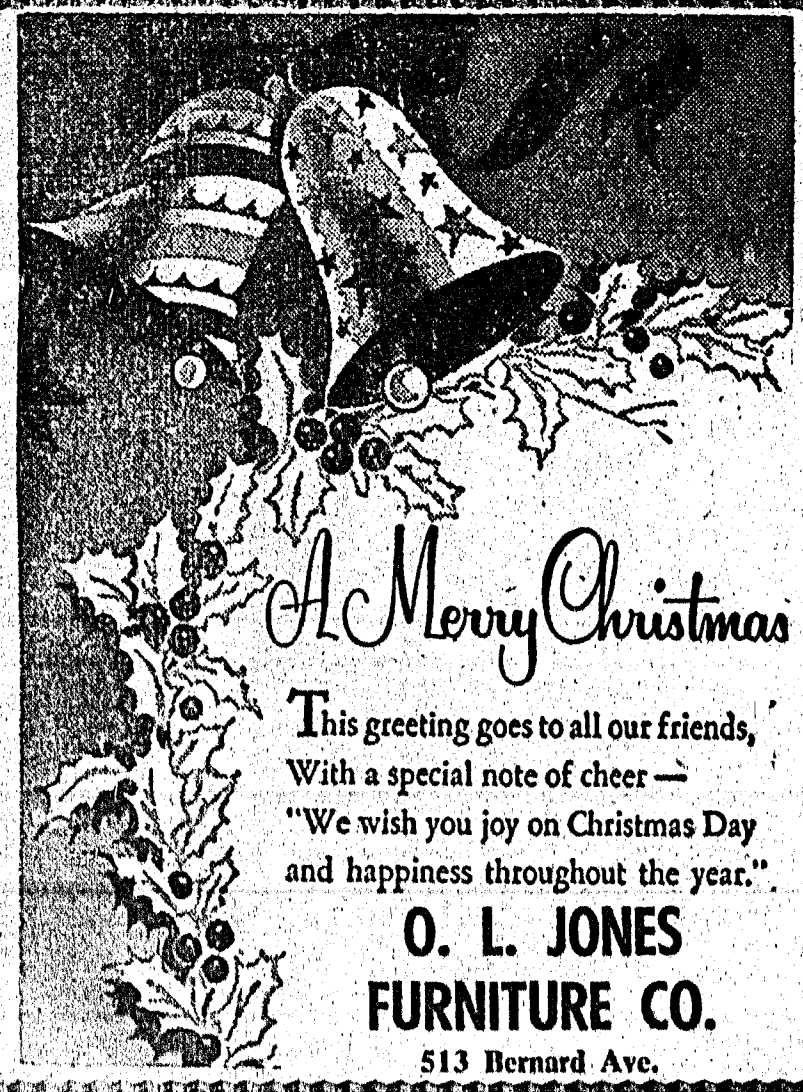
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Armed forces look back on year of achievement

OTTAWA—Canadian soldiers on three continents looked back today, not without pride, on a year of achievement and self-sacrifice that ranked them, in the opinion of experts, among the world's top professional soldiers.

On the "achievement" side of the ledger there was the re-organization of the army to include a complete divisional formation; the construction of a new camp for Canadian soldiers near Soest in Germany's Mohnesee Valley; a start on construction of the \$25,000,000 Camp Gagetown development in New Brunswick which will house the 1st Canadian Division; the opening of a \$15,000,000 Ordnance Depot at Cobourg, Ont.; and a general pay increase for all ranks.

On the "sacrifice" side, there was brought about a number of changes in the overall structure of the by Canadian soldiers in Korea. Active Force. A platoon which ended in a truce in late July. At year's end Canadian troops were guarding a section of the cease-fire line formerly defended by the entire 1st Commonwealth Division.

The Korea conflict cost the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade a total of 1,544 casualties from all causes since the first Canadian soldiers arrived there late in 1950. Of this total 50 gave their lives in the seven-month period preceding the truce. The overall figure includes 258 killed in action, 36 died of wounds, 15 presumed dead, 1,102 wounded in action, 101 injured in action and 32 returned prisoners of war.

Last Canadian POW to be repatriated was 29-year-old Lt. Cpl. William Bell of Toronto, who arrived home by air October 19.

MANY CHANGES

The October announcement, that various units and formations of the Active Force would be incorporated in a division to be known as the 1st Canadian Infantry Division

with other NATO forces for widespread field manoeuvres which concluded the Canadian formations of official training program in Germany. Throughout the manoeuvres, known officially as Exercise Grand Repulse, the Canadians served as part of the 11th British Armoured Division in the 1st Netherlands Army Corps. Their assignment was to knock out an "enemy" bridgehead south of Delmenhorst.

For five days, operating as an independent brigade, they spearheaded the armoured division's attack, advancing its front more than 55 miles.

Again, top ranking foreign officers lavished praise upon the Canadian brigade.

"I am impressed," Major-General H. E. Pyman, Commander of the 11th armoured division, told the men at the conclusion of the exercises. "There's no doubt about it. They're good mobile troops. After the cross country marches there was lots of fire left in them. The boys love this sort of thing. I saw no sign of strain. They looked happy. You can tell."

Brigadier Jean Victor Allard, former Vice-Quartermaster General of the Canadian Army, took over command of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade in Korea in April, succeeding Brigadier M. P. Bogert. At year's end he still was in command of a fighting brigade which, since the signing of the truce in July, has been guarding the entire section previously defended by the 1st Commonwealth Division. Brigadier Allard was the sole Canadian representative at Panmunjom when the truce was signed.

At the end of November, Canada had a total of 95,254 men in Army uniform, 48,417 in the Active Force and 46,837 in the Reserve Army.

Active Force soldiers serving overseas in Europe and the Far East totalled about 12,000 at year's end.

An unprecedented number of highly skilled musicians in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands enrolled during the year in the Canadian Army and the majority of them now in Canada.

The Dutch musicians, under terms of an agreement between the Canadian Government and that of the Netherlands, retain their Dutch citizenship if they so desire but can apply later for Canadian citizenship. Since recruiting regulations were relaxed to permit the enrolment of foreign musicians, 110 Dutch musicians and 91 British bandmen have joined the Canadian Army. Of this number, about 150 bandmen and their families have arrived in Canada. Many have already completed a tour of duty with a Canadian Army band in the Far East or in Europe.

A total of 86 officers from 11 different nations graduated from the Canadian Army Staff College at Kingston, Ont., in November. In the graduating class, eighth since the end of the Second World War, 73 Canadians, two British officers, two from the United States, two from Turkey and one each from Australia, India, Pakistan, Italy, France, Norway and Belgium.

During the year, the army established an emergency loan fund known as "The Canadian Army Welfare Fund" to provide financial help in emergencies for all ranks of the Active Force. The program, financed entirely through non-public funds, provides loans of up to \$150.00 interest free and repayable through pay assignments over a period of 10 months.

Members of the Canadian Army Coronation Contingent, drawn from active and reserve units in all sections of the country, distinguished themselves at the June coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. To four officers of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery went the honor of riding in Her Majesty's mounted escort in the Coronation Day parade in London.

But the best news members of the army received all year did not reach them until late in November when pay increases were announced for all ranks. Army pay staffs worked overtime to get the substantial increases to officers and men in time to be of help in their Christmas shopping.

Two Canadian infantry brigades serving abroad distinguished themselves, one in battle, the other with NATO forces in western Europe.

While the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade faced a stubborn enemy in Korea earlier this year, units of the 27th Canadian Infantry Brigade stationed in Germany embarked on their first major operational outdoor exercises of the year. The manoeuvres, carried out at Putlos on the Baltic, some 175 miles north of Hanover, lasted more than six weeks. Chiefs of staff of Canadian and foreign armies who visited the formation in Europe were highly complimentary of the brigade's military efficiency, skill and its morale.

Top compliment was paid the brigade by Field Marshal Sir John Harding, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who announced publicly that Canadian troops in Germany were "really a very effective operational brigade."

"If I were going to war, I would be delighted to have them," he said. In November, the brigade teamed

Words of bible laud virtues of "giving"

A little research reveals that many of the familiar quotations on the virtues of "giving" have a sound basis in Holy Scripture. Though they were not all made in connection with "giving" at Christmas time, the verses below, all taken from the Bible, provide definite clues to the origin of the many more modern "give" slogans so often heard in the holiday season.

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. —Luke 6:38.

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to

support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. —Acts 20:35.

Every man according as the purpoeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. —II Cor. 9:7.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. —Prov. 28:27.

But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and, behold, all things are clean unto you. —Luke 11:41.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. —I Cor. 13:13.

If thou hast but a little, be not afraid to give according to that title. —(Apoc.) Tobit 4:8.

Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of

the Lord thy God which He hath given thee. —Deut. 16:17.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. —I Cor. 12:4.

Freely ye have received, freely give. —Matt. 10:8.

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

At high noon on Christmas day in 1925, the famous General Grant tree, located in the General Grant National park, near Fresno, Calif., was designated as the Nation's Christmas Tree. According to the United States department of the interior, the tree is estimated to be 267 feet high and is one of the so-called Bigtrees.

LIKES FLYING

YORKTON, Sask.—"This is certainly faster than that old team of oxen we used to have," said Mrs. I. E. Bill of Ninga, Man., as she alighted from an airplane here. She made her first flight last summer at the age of 82 and has since become an enthusiastic air traveller.

MERRY Christmas

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Candles burning clear foretells bright new year

According to Christmas tradition, anyone who burns a bayberry candle during the Christmas holidays, and if the candle burns bright and clear, will have good luck throughout the year and a long and happy life.

There is also significance to the custom of burning bayberry candles at Christmas. The belief is that during the early days of our country's history, there was a scarcity of animal fat from which to make the candles. So the branches of bayberry shrub were covered with wax and burned at Christmas.

For as long as people can remember, the burning of candles has been an important part of the celebration of Christmas Eve.

With the classics house of Christmas

There fared a mother driven forth Out of an inn to roam; In the place where she was homeless

All men are at home. The crazy stable close at hand, With shaking timber and shifting

and Grew a stronger thing to abide and stand Than the square stones of Rome.

For men are homeless in their homes, And strangers under the sun, And they lay their heads in a

foreign land Whenever their day is done. Here we have battle and blazing

eyes, And chance and honor and high surprise, But our home are under miraculous

skies. Where the Yule tale was begun.

—G. K. CHESTERTON.

Greetings OF THE SEASON

What greater gift has been bestowed upon mankind than the capacity to revere anew the blessed spirit of this joyous season. In turn, the most precious gift we can extend our brothers is the bright example of Christian living enjoyed by those who cherish the spirit of Christmas in their hearts throughout the year...

A Joyous Christmas and A Happy Year to All

As the representative of the people of South Okanagan in the Provincial Legislature, I give you my assurance that during the coming year I will give the best service of which I am capable to the affairs of the Province of British Columbia.

Let us, as we mark this Christmas Festival, pause for a moment to rededicate ourselves to the cause of goodwill among men, the foundation upon which peace on earth will be built.

W. A. C. Bennett